ANNUAL REPORT

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

of the Town of

DIGHTON

Year Ending December 31, 1961

GENERAL INFORMATION

OPEN MEETING LAW—CHAP. 626, ACTS, 1958

Meetings of every district, city and town board, commission and school committee shall be open to public and to press (unless in executive session). A notice of such meetings must be filed at least twenty-four hours prior with the clerk of the district or town. (A regular schedule of meetings filed in advance is permissible.) Accurate records of all meetings shall be maintained setting forth action taken. A summary of all matters voted shall be made available with reasonable promptness after each meeting. The records shall become a public record and available to the public upon being approved. (For information on executive sessions and emergencies check law with Town Clerk.)

The town offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 A. M. to 4:00 P. M., and the office of the Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector is also open Wednesday evenings from 6:30 P. M. to 8:00 P. M.

The Board of Selectmen, Welfare, and Health, and the Assessors meet in their offices Wednesday evenings at 7:30 P. M.

The School Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P. M. in the School Committee room.

Telephone Numbers:

Fire Department: To report a fire—

So. Dighton Station ..... NOrmandy 9-3131
No. Dighton Station ..... VAndyke 3-3700

Personal calls —

So. Dighton Station ..... NOrmandy 9-3291
No. Dighton Station ..... VAndyke 2-0329

Police Department: VAndyke 4-4411

Selectmen's Office: NOrmandy 9-2731

Welfare Department: NOrmandy 9-2131

Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector and Assessors: NOrmandy 9-4241

Public Library: NOrmandy 9-2511

Town Nurse: NOrmandy 9-2141

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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Selectmen	Address	Telephone	Term Expires
Clayton H. Atwood, Chairman	Segreganset	NO 9-4271	1964
William F. Benevides	Dighton	NO 9-3021	1963
Francis J. Torres	No. Dighton	VA 4-7628	1962
Board of Public Welfare			
William F. Benevides, Chairman	Dighton	NO 9-3021	1963
Clayton H. Atwood	Segreganset	NO 9-4271	1964
Francis J. Torres	No. Dighton	VA 4-7628	1962
Board of Health			
Francis J. Torres, Chairman	No. Dighton	VA 4-7628	1962
Clayton H. Atwood	Segreganset	NO 9-4271	1964
William F. Benevides	Dighton	NO 9-3021	1963
Town Clerk			
Percy B. Simmons	No. Dighton	VA 4-6465	1962
Town Collector			
Percy B. Simmons	No. Dighton	VA 4-6465	1962
Town Treasurer			
Percy B. Simmons	No. Dighton	VA 4-6465	1962
Moderator			
Stafford H. Hambly	No. Dighton		1962
Assessors			
Harold M. Mendoza, Chairman	Dighton	NO 9-3451	1964
Howell S. Carr	Dighton	NO 9-5943	1963
Leo T. Pivirotto	No. Dighton	VA 4-4998	1962
Tree Warden			
Raymond J. Costa	Dighton	NO 9-5984	1962

School Committee

William B. Wynne, Chairman	No. Dighton	NO 9-3376	1962
Harry Hagopian, Secretary	No. Dighton	VA 2-4142	1963
Thomas C. Sherman, Financial Secretary	No. Dighton	VA 2-7321	1964
Antone Compos	Dighton	NO 9-5525	1962
Lawrence D. Dutra	Dighton	NO 9-5572	1962
Joseph W. Fleck	Dighton	NO 9-4041	1963
Spencer D. Oehrle	Segreganset	NO 9-5990	1964

Planning Board

Milton Horton, Chairman	No. Dighton	VA 4-6260	1966
Richard E. Babbitt, Vice-Chairman	No. Dighton	NO 9-5673	1962
Wilfred A. Rhines, Secretary-Clerk	Dighton	NO 9-2461	1965
Lawson LeForrest	No. Dighton	BL 2-3934	1964
June Hambly	No. Dighton		1963

Trustees of Public Library

Lois L. Staples	Segreganset	NO 9-2561	1964
Joseph C. Hathaway	Dighton	NO 9-5955	1962
Henry D. Greenlaw	Segreganset	NO 9-2431	1963

Playground Commissioners

David Horton	Dighton	NO 9-5540	1962
Wilfred A. Rhines	Dighton	NO 9-2461	1963
George A. Dutra	Dighton	NO 9-2891	1964

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional District School Committee

Stuart A. Arnold	No. Dighton	VA 2-4919	1964
Robert H. Bradshaw	Segreganset	NO 9-4591	1962

Finance Committee (Appointed annually by the Moderator): Gordon E. Spinney, Chairman; Kenneth Holmes, Vice-Chairman; Roger Perry, Secretary; Earle Smith, Osman Crotty, Arthur C. Staples and John Cambra.

SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS—1961-1962

Chief of Police Department: Charles H. Mason.

Lieutenant of Police Department: Anthony Andrews.

Sergeant of Police Department: Walter Plonka.

Reserve Police Officers: William Ashcroft, William Raposa.

Special Police Officers: Ervin Barney, Charles Brooks, Francis Buckley, John Cambra, Frank Cambra, Edward Carpentier, Louis H. Carr, Joseph A. Coelho, Arthur Compos, Anthony Costa, Raymond Costa, Norman Courcy, Cassius Cummings, William Duarte, Antone Dupont, Manuel Francis, George Goulart, Charles Gracia, George Gracia, Louis Gracia, Walter Hamilton, Byron E. Haskins, Ernest L. Horton, John R. Ingham, Warren G. Jones, John A. Medeiros, George A. Perry, John E. Rasmussen, Earl W. Rose, George M. Rubadou, Benjamin C. Sherman, Harold L. Sherrington, Frank C. Souza, Jr., Karl Spratt, Jr., Anthony Sylvia, Frank Virdinlia, Harry F. Willis, Louis White, Joseph Perry, Isaac S. Wilson, John Stanley, Samuel Pine, Tobias Freitas.

Chief of Fire Department: Harry Willis.

Deputy Chief, No. Station: John Stanley.

Deputy Chief, So. Station: Joseph White.

Firemen: William Ashcroft, Joseph Coelho, Norman Courcy, Cassius Cummings, Kenneth Cummings, Edward Ferreira, William Fleming, Jr., Charles Gilbert, Sr., Charles Gilbert, Jr., Stafford Hambly, Samuel Hurwitz, John Katon, Antone Katon, William O'Connell, Roger Perry, Warren Perry, Frank Rogers, Sr., Frank Rogers, Jr., Benjamin Sherman, Thomas Sherman, Carlton Simmons, George Simmons, Percy B. Simmons, Richard Simmons, Edward Silvia, John Stanley, Joseph Waller, Jr. Lester McNulty, Francis Rose, Carl Brandt.

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Edward Antunes, Manuel Botelho, Alan Brightman, Everett Carr, George Carvalho, Jr., Frank Cash, Raymond Costa, Michael Cusick, Joseph Ferreira, Joseph Fleck, William Flemings, Sr., Gerald Fleming, Harold Gracia, Walter Hamilton, Douglas Horton, Maynard Horton, Sr., Maynard Horton, Jr., George Lavigne, Arthur Martin, Richard Parchesco, Manuel Pavao, Walter Plonka, Albert Reed, Wilfred Rhines, Clinton Rose, Charles Sears, Jr., Alvin Silvia, Karl Spratt, Jr., Karl Spratt, Sr., Arnold Staples, Ellis Strange, John Torres, Jr., Isaac Wilson.

Sealer of Weights and Measures: Donald B. Hathaway.

Fence Viewers: Howell S. Carr, Harold Mendoza, Leo T. Pivirotto.

Civil Defense Director: Fred Rebello.

Agents of the Board of Health: Charles H. Mason, Percy B. Simmons, Leo A. Duffy.

Burial Agent: Earl C. Hathaway.

Inspector of Animals: Anthony N. Sylvia.

Inspector of Slaughtering: Anthony N. Sylvia.

Dog Officer: Charles H. Mason.

Town Nurse and Policewoman: Esther Bowden.

Registrar of Voters: Elliot Hathaway.

Auctioneer: Clayton H. Atwood.

Constables: Charles Mason, Percy B. Simmons.

Constable, Somerset Water Works: Henry Reckord.

Town Office Clerk: Elizabeth A. Rose.

Veterans' Agent: Theodore Boucher.

Harbor Master: Arnold B. Shaw.

Assistant Harbor Master: Martin Bergstrom.

Superintendent of Streets: Raymond Costa.

Gypsy Moth Supt.: George W. Rose.

Dighton-Berkley Bridge Tender: John T. McCrohan.

Milk Inspector: Thomas J. O'Brien.

Town Accountant: Myrtle N. Wilson.

Director of Public Assistance: Bella M. Boucher.

Sanitation Inspector: Leo A. Duffy.

Town Forest Committee: Raymond Horton, Gordon Hixon, Henry L. Burt, Harold O. Woodward, Wilfred A. Hathaway, William Andrews, David Millard, Raymond Costa.

Special Police Officer, B.C.A.S.: Edward H. O'Brien.

Special Police Officer, No. Dighton Co-Op. Bank: Stafford H. Hambly.

Special Police Officer, Arnold Hoffman & Co.: M. Chace, E. Correia, B. Simmons, M. White.

Public Weighers, Arnold Hoffman & Co.: A. O. Gove, W. B. Carey, A. Sollitto, D. T. Maynard.

Public Weigher, General Bronze Corp.: Arthur Wakefield.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Dighton:

The organizational meeting of the Board was held after the Annual Town Meeting. For the sixth consecutive year, the chairmanships were divided with Mr. Atwood chosen as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Benevides for the Board of Public Welfare, Mr. Torres for the Board of Health, and Mr. Benevides was chosen to serve as recording clerk of the three Boards.

Fifty-two weekly and twenty seven special meetings were held with one absentee. Several joint meetings were held with the other Town Boards and Committees to discuss and resolve matters of mutual interest.

Necessary hearings were held upon applications received for the various licenses as required. All transactions have been properly recorded and the many statutory requirements completed to the best of our knowledge and ability.

All Board members have participated in and attended all County Association meetings. Some members attended various governmental conferences on the Regional and State level, where and when convenient in an effort to obtain benefit of experiences to better serve the Town. Hearings were attended on the several Chapter 90 and Public Works projects in behalf of the Town's interest.

All appointments of Town Officers and Committees have been recorded with the Town Clerk together with the list of jurors, and are contained in the Clerk's annual report. Annual reports of the numerous Town Officers and Departments as required by law are contained in this 1961 Town Officer's Report.

All special committee activity and reports are included in the record of the Town Clerk. All votes and orders of the Town Meeting have been accomplished.

TAX RATE STABILITY

The impact and effect of the first year Regional School Capital Outlay and Operational Assessments behind us and only nominal increases of the various services, the tax rate was fixed at $84.00, a $2.00 increase over the previous year. However, a higher salary and wage increase of most employees and increased costs of materials, supplies and equipment will undoubtedly require additional revenue to be raised in the coming fiscal year of 1962.

LONG RANGE PLANNING

The Town Meeting voted the authority for the formation of a Capital Needs and Outlay Committee which the Selectmen organized on May 24, 1961. A meeting of all Town and District Officers, Boards and Department Heads was held with Mr. Alfred Edwards, City Planner of the City of Fall River as guest speaker. Subsequently all present were polled and allowed to state their opinion and desires as to a reasonable and practicable approach to the Town's urgent needs. A very strong and overwhelming opinion existed beyond any question, that the Planning Board should be encouraged to prepare and present a reasonable and sensible proposal for Town adoption of a Zoning or Protective By-Law.

Another generally stated opinion prevailed as to a need for study of the increase of school enrollments, needed school facilities, together with consideration for a new Town Office Building.

Other and various needs as presented consisted of requests for improved streets, new bridges, a new Fire Truck, more equipment and radios for the Street Department, a new police cruiser, more police protection, Town Office burglar alarm, drainage and sewage projects, a full time assessor and improved assessing methods, improve Tax Maps and consider multiple processing, additional sources of water supply, extension of water and street lighting facilities and many more. All requests and subjects are properly recorded and should be considered in a long range planning program for the future.

SEWAGE STUDY

The status of the preliminary sewage study as undertaken in 1960 is unfortunately stagnant. The Board met with the Sewer Commissioners of the City of Taunton in June of 1961 and discussed and outlined the possibility of a joint and mutual operation at the South St., Taunton and Spring St., Dighton Area. No resolves or decisions could be made as the Engineers who are conducting a preliminary study for the City had not completed their work or submitted a report. However, the Dighton officials and consultants are contemplating another joint meeting with Taunton representatives in the early spring of 1962 to hear and consider the findings of the Taunton study and report.

FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

New equipment, more services, increased public assistance, cost of materials and supplies, higher costs of education, salaries, wages and benefits and, an everlasting increase of county and state taxes and assessments impose on the local Town Assessors the mandate of raising increased revenue. Their only source is the real estate, this, common sense dictates that tax rates will sky rocket until such time as either cost of government is reduced or other sources of tax revenue is established. It is that simple.

The financial condition of our Town is sound and solvent. Our cash resources are at an all time high. Our surplus revenue increased nearly $30,000 in 1961. This enviable condition will exist only as long as good solid dedicated and experienced public servants continue to offer their services to the Town.

250th ANNIVERSARY

Acting under authority of a Town Meeting vote of March 13, 1961, the Selectmen have organized a 250th Anniversary Planning Committee. Provisions have been made for the required and necessary groups to undertake and produce a varied program of events for the proper observance and celebration.

An extraordinary, delightful and diversified plan is in continuing process and extensive preparation which will include: Four parades, a graphically historic fair, a magnificent and colorful pageant, a traditional Founders Day proclamation and ceremony, an inspired student government day, an anniversary ball featuring old fashioned dress and costume, the selection of an anniversary queen, a firemen's muster, a mutual aid drill and demonstration of modern fire-fighting and safety equipment, a giant chicken barbecue, diversive and attractive sports events, a band concert and appropriate fireworks, a two day exhibition of commercial, industrial and agricultural products and materials, and exhibits of the arts, crafts, hobbies and education institutions, etc., a mammoth and spectacular celebration day parade including floats, bands, drill teams, military units, equipment, antique cars, beach buggies, horses, horse drawn carriages, and many other varied units, together with appropriate and traditional ceremony to properly observe the 250th Anniversary of the Town Charter; also home tours, signs signifying streets, landmarks, old houses, historical sites and an adequate directory of the Town, noting points of interest, old burying grounds and cemeteries, etc.; publication by talented and cultured persons of an appropriate anniversary book, a permanent volume of the Town History authored by the dedicated and beloved Town Historian, Miss Helen Lane. A promotion program including all necessary and required means of advertising and publicity through the medium of newspapers, radio, television and other sources, such as souveniers, maps, decals, stamps, commemorative tokens and gifts, etc., and a pleasing comical, frivolous, diversified and jubilant activity, whereby the interest of celebration and observance will be enthusiastically and widespreadly strengthened by the functions of the Brothers of the Brush and Beard Growers.

The reality and production is of course dependent upon the acceptance of the Town Meeting and the appropriation of adequate funds to complete the plans as outlined.

The Town was grieved and saddened during the year by the death of the following Town Officers:

March 18, 1961—Lucy C. Baer, Election Officer, 1958 - 1961

May 27, 1961—Joseph K. Milliken, Town Finance Committee, 1907 - 1951

July 26, 1961—Frank H. Boothby, Election Officer, 1930 - 1954

October 23, 1961—Gordon C. Hixon, Town Forest Committee,1943 - 1961

The Selectmen, in behalf of the Town and its citizens, extend to the families of the deceased their sincere sympathy.

We again express our appreciation and gratitude to the many citizens and Town Officials and employees for their cooperation and performance of the varied duties.

Respectfully submitted,

CLAYTON H. ATWOOD, Chairman
WILLIAM F. BENEVIDES
FRANCIS J. TORRES
Board of Selectmen

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Following the 1961 Annual Town Meeting, the Town Moderator appointed the following men to serve on the Town Finance Committee: John Cambra, Osman Crotty, Kenneth Holmes, Roger Perry, Earle Smith, Gordon Spinney, and Arthur Staples.

The Town Finance Committee was organized by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and each member was sworn in by the Town Clerk. After being organized the members nominated and voted as follows: Gordon Spinney, Chairman; Kenneth Holmes, Vice-Chairman; and Roger Perry, Recording Secretary.

The Town Finance Committee held seven meetings and voted on each appropriation and transfer of monies.

During one of the joint departmental meetings, it was suggested by the Chairman of the Town Finance Committee, that the Town Finance Committee be invited to visit each department to survey their equipment and their possible needs for the next five years. To the date of this writing the Town Finance Committee has visited, by invitation, the Town Planning Board and the Board of Assessors.

The Town Finance Committee wishes to extend invitations to the Townspeople to attend any meetings in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.

All financial transactions contained in the Town Accountants report had prior approval of the Town Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON E. SPINNEY, Chairman
KENNETH HOLMES, Vice-Chairman
ROGER B. PERRY, Secretary
JOHN CAMBRA
OSMAN CROTTY
EARLE SMITH
ARTHUR STAPLES
Finance Committee

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

A Special Town Meeting was held in the Town Hall, January 9, 1961 and was called to order by Stafford H. Hambly, Moderator at 7:30 P. M.

VOTED: To dispense with the reading of the warrant.

(1) VOTED: On motion of Clayton H. Atwood that the Town, in accordance with the recommendation of the Town Finance Committee, transfer tthe following 1960 departmental accounts:

$1650.54 from Gravel Roads to Chapter 90-Maint.
782.04 from Old Age Assistance to A. D. C.
1195.48 from Old Age Assistance to Veterans Benefits
265.75 from General Relief to General Relief Adm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 P. M.

The regular Annual Town Meeting for the election of officers for the Town of Dighton was held on March 6, 1961 at Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 12 Noon by Stafford H. Hambly, Moderator. The balloting was under the supervision of the following election officers: Irene Goulart, Louise Catabia, Selma Wall, Lillian Deslauriers, Lucy Baer, Florence Perry, Anna C. Simmons, Edna Seekell, Catherine Sherman, Helen Atwood, Hazel Reed, Ruth Leeming, George W. Rose, Myrtle Wilson, Elaine Varley and Percy B. Simmons, Town Clerk.

The polls were closed at 8:00 P. M. The total number of votes cast was 720; the ballots having been assorted and counted, the result was declared as follows:

Selectman for Three Years—Clayton H. Atwood
Board of Public Welfare for Three Years—Clayton H. Atwood
Moderator for One Year—Stafford H. Hambly
Town Treasurer for One Year—Percy B. Simmons

Assessor for Three Years—Harold M. Mendoza
Tree Warden for One Year—Raymond J. Costa
School Committee for Three Years—Spencer D. Oehrle, Thomas C. Sherman
School Committee for One Year—William B. Wynne
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School Committee for Three Years—Stuart A. Arnold
Trustee of Public Library for Three Years—Lois L. Staples
Planning Board for Five Years—Milton F. Horton
Planning Board for Three Years—Lawson LeForrest
Playground Commission for Three Years—George A. Dutra
Playground Commission for Two Years—Wilfred A. Rhines

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P. M. by Stafford H. Hambly, Moderator at Town Hall on March 13, 1961.

VOTED: To dispense with the reading of the warrant.

VOTED: To refer to articles of warrant by number and content.

(2) VOTED: On motion of Gordon Spinney that the reports of the Town Officers as printed and published in the 1960 Annual Town Report be accepted.

(3) VOTED: On motion of Gordon Spinney that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint all necessary Town Officers and Committees not otherwise provided for by statute.

(4) VOTED: On motion of Gordon Spinney that the Town Treasurer be bonded in the amount of $42,300 and the Town Collector be bonded in the amount of $54,600 to satisfy the provisions of Section 35 of Chapter 41 and Section 13 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws.

(5) VOTED: On motion of George Dutra that the Town raise and appropriate $60,974.21 for the purpose of defraying costs

of the Town's share of the capital expenses of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

(6) VOTED: On motion of George Dutra that the Town raise and appropriate $120,245.02 for the purpose of defraying costs of the Town's share of the operating expenses of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

(7) VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the following sums necessary to defray Town charges and assessments as approved by the Finance Committee:

Account	Amount	Maker of Motion
Elementary School Bonds	$25,000.00	Thomas Sherman
Interest on Elem. School Bonds	5,390.00	Thomas Sherman
Interest on Revenue Loan	500.00	Percy B. Simmons
School Department	201,768.00	William Wynne
Public Library	2,063.00	Lois Staples
Library Repair Acct.	1,414.00	Lois Staples
Board of Health	4,300.00	Francis Torres
Ambulance Maintenance	653.00	Francis Torres
Care of Town Dumps	2,200.00	Francis Torres
Fire Department	9,929.51	Harry Willis
Police Department	7,780.00	Charles Mason
Civilian Defense	1,135.00	Fred Rebello
Hydrant Rentals	1,740.00	Harry Willis
Town Insurance	7,839.89	Francis Torres
Aid to Dependent Children	9,000.00	William Benevides
Disability Assistance	6,000.00	William Benevides
General Relief (Welfare)	8,000.00	William Benevides
Medical Aid to Aged	6,000.00	William Benevides
Old Age Assistance	22,500.00	William Benevides
Public Assistance Administration	3,900.00	William Benevides
Brush Control	1,000.00	Clayton Atwood
Cemeteries (Public Property)	350.00	Clayton Atwood
Chapter #81— Highway Fund	7,500.00	Clayton Atwood
Chapter #90—Maintenance	1,700.00	Clayton Atwood

Chapter #90—		
Dighton Berkley Bridge	1,400.00	Clayton Atwood
Care of Town Elms	3,500.00	Clayton Atwood
Dighton-Berkley Bridge	1,000.00	Clayton Atwood
Insect Pest Control	542.01	Clayton Atwood
Road Machinery Acct.	4,000.00	Clayton Atwood
Srade Tree Program	500.00	Clayton Atwood
Sidewalk Maintenance	1,000.00	Clayton Atwood
Street Department	36,500.00	Clayton Atwood
Town Forest	250.00	Clayton Atwood
Auditor's Department	106.86	William Benevides
Election Registration & Census	1,400.00	Percy Simmons
Finance Committee	50.00	Gordon Spinney
Selectmen's Department	2,850.00	Francis Torres
Tax Title Acct.	400.00	Percy Simmons
Town Collector	2,805.00	Percy Simmons
Town Clerk	1,315.00	Percy Simmons
Town Office Acct.	6,900.00	William Benevides
Town Treasurer	2,708.50	Percy Simmons
Town Planning Board	500.00	Milton Horton
County Retirement Fund	5,557.60	Francis Torres
Dog Officer's Account	450.00	Charles Mason
Memorial Day Observance	200.00	William Costa
Playgrounds & Recreation	1,592.00	Wilfred Rhines
Veterans' Benefits	10,000.00	William Benevides
Civic Center Maintenance	275.00	Clayton Atwood

The following items were disapproved by the Finance Committee:

DISAPPROVED: Motion by Harold Mendoza that the town raise and appropriate the sum of $4,000.00 for the Board of Assessors.

A standing vote was called for on this motion and the official count of the vote was Yes—40, No—43. Counters were Stuart Arnold andGene Perry.

VOTED: On motion of Stuart Arnold that the sum of $3,400 be raised and appropriated for the Board of Assessors.

VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town raise and approriate the sum of $4,524.60 for the Town Accountant's Department.

(8) VOTED: On motion of Gordon Spinney that the salaries of the elected Town Officers as appropriated within the Departmental Accounts, be established for the year January 1, 1961 to December 31, 1961 as follows:

Board of Assessors:	
Chairman	$700.00
Clerk	500.00
Others	600.00 each
Board of Health:	
Chairman	300.00
Others	200.00
Board of Public Welfare:	
Chairman	400.00
Others	300.00
Board of Selectmen:	
Chairman	1,200.00
Others	600.00
Moderator	20.00
School Committee Secretary	25.00
Town Clerk	1,000.00
Town Collector	2,000.00
Town Treasurer	1,200.00
Tree Warden	35.00

(9) VOTED: On motion of Gordon Spinney that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of $5,000.00 from the Reserve Fund (Overlay Surplus) to Reserve Account Appropriated in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 6, General Laws.

(10) VOTED: On motion of Lois Staples that the Town appropriate and transfer the Dog Tax Refund in the amount of $502.95 to the Public Library Account.

(11) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town raise and appropriate $250.00 for the purpose of maintaining for the ensuing year, the mosquito control works as estimated

and certified to by the State Reclamation Board in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 112, Acts of 1931.

(12) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town appropriate $5,000.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Construction and to meet said appropriation that $850.28 be transferred from Chapter #718 Funds and $4,149.72 be transferred from Surplus Revenue.

(13) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town autthorize the transfer of unappropriated available funds in the Treasury in the sum of $34,950 to Highway Revenue in anticipation of reimbursement from the State and County for Chapter 81 and Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance and Construction.

(14) VOTED: On motion of Gordon Spinney that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1961, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

(15) VOTED:On motion of Gordon Spinney that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to sell at public auction or private sale, all properties which the Town has legally acquired by Tax Title.

(16) VOTED: On motion of Gordon Spinney that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee to dispose of used materials returned to them, by sale at public auction.

(17) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain, and to settle damages for land taken in conjunction with the 1961 Highway Program under Chapter 81 and Chapter 90.

(18) The report of the Old Building Committee was given by Clayton H. Atwood as follows:

"REPORT OF OLD BUILDING COMMITTEE

This constitutes the third report of this Committee to the Town since the Committee's inception. Under previous reports the Committe has recommended the following:

1. That the Civic Center remain in Town custody for Girl Scouts activities and any other purposes required by civic groups until such time as circumstances alter the needs for such a building.

2. That the Firemen's Association be offered the Old South Fire Station for salvage purposes, otherwise that the Selectmen be authorized to dispose of the building in a manner to be in the best interest of the Town.

The Selectmen have subsequently to this report sold the building, and it has removed.

At the last meeting of this Committee held on November 27, 1960, representatives from the following organizations were present: Veterans of Foreign Wars, V. F. W. Auxiliary, Lion's Club, Fire Department, Police Department, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Playground Commission and the School Department. Whereas the purpose of the meeting was to provide a youth program, the facilities of the Veterans' Memorial Hall were voted as not adequate and upon the assurance by the V. F. W. representative, that the Hall would be available for civic purposes by arrangement, it was the unanimous consent of the Committee that they recommend to the Town that the V. F. W. Post be offered the Hall for Purchase contingent upon suitable provisions to be made by the Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted by direction of the Committee,

CLAYTON H. ATWOOD, Chairman, Board of Selectmen

VOTED: On motion of William Benevides that the report of the Old Building Committee be accepted and that the Committee be dismissed with the gratitude and appreciation of the Town for their study and recommendations.

(19) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of William Costa that the Town as provided under Section 15, Chapter 40, authorize the sale of the land and building, commonly called Veterans' Memorial Hall, located on School Street, to the Raposa-Knott Post No. 2094, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in consideration of $1.00 and that the Board of Selectmen and Town Treasurer be authorized to convey by deed upon the condition and stipulation that said property revert to the Town in the event of disbandment or abandonment and such other terms as the Board of Selectmen shall consider proper.

(20) VOTED: On motion of William Costa that the Town raise and appropriate $300.00 for the purpose of defraying costs of Veterans' Memorial Hall Maintenance.

(21) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood to table Article 21.

(22) VOTED: On motion of Francis Torres that the Town raise and appropriate $250.00 to be used for the necessary expenses of the Town's 250th Anniversary Committee.

(23) VOTED: On motion of Milton Horton that the Town, pursuant to a petition of Earle M. Smith, layout, accept, and establish the "Prospect Street Extension", as a public highway and named "Prospect Street", a description of which is contained in a layout dated March, 1959 on a plan and profile by Gordon E. Ainsworth & Associates, Civil Engineers, together with a Quit-Clam Deed as filed with the Town Clerk.

(24) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town appropriate $12,557.74 for the purpose of purchasing two (2) Dump Trucks with equipment and attachments, and two (2) power driven saws for the use of the Street Department, and to provide for said appropriation, that $5,953.75 be transferred from the Road Machinery Fund and $6,603.70 be transferred from Surplus Revenue, and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to offer a 1953 Chevrolet Dump Truck in trade and to dispose of a 1948 Chevrolet Dump Truck in such manner as they consider to be in the best interest of the Town.

(25) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town

accept, as authorized under the provisions of Section 14, Chapter 45, General Lows, from Miss Helen H. Lane, a parcel of land containing approximately 1¾ acres located on the south side of Main Street, as described on a plan and deed on file with the Town Clerk, and authorize the Board of Playground and Recreation Commissioners to establish said land as a recreation area and to exercise suitable rules and regulations governing same, and that the name of said area shall be called the "Dwight F. Lane Memorial Field."

VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town Clerk be instructed to acknowledge by an official resolution to Miss Helen Lane, the gratitude and appreciation of the Town by her action,

(26) VOTED: On motion of William Wynne that the Town authorize the renaming of the Dighton High School and Town Office Building to the following "Dighton Junior High School and Town Office Building."

(27) The report of the Building Code Committee was given by Milton Horton as follows:

"Report of Building Code Committee

The Committee has failed to function since the last Town Meeting for reason of sickness, the passing away of one member, and other circumstances. However, since the start of our study, the State Legislature has enacted laws relative to sanitation and gas codes. Bills now pending would indicate that eventually, laws will be passed whereby all Towns will have to conform to various codes. We recommend that the Code Committee and Planning Board work with the Selectmen and Board of Health in furthering the study of Town needs for various codes.

Respectfully submitted,

RUSSELL C. VARLEY, Chairman, Code Committee"

VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Building Code Committee Report be accepted as a report of progress and that the committee continue to study in conjunction with the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen and Board of Health,

on matters relative to all local codes and enactment of pro posed legislation of state codes.

Motion was made by Clayton Atwood to reconsider Article 19, to hear report of the Finance Committee.

Gordon Spinney reported that all articles on the warrant were approved with the exception of the two items under Article 7.

A vote was called for and Article 19 was again voted unanimously in favor.

(28) NOT PASSED: Motion of Wilfred Rhines to table Article 28 for further study until the next annual Town Meeting.

Motion not carried and Voted not to table Article 28.

VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Board of Selectmen be authorized and directed to provide for meetings of all elected Town Officers and all Town Departments to study, survey and compile a report of all Town Future Needs of Capital Outlay and Long Range Planning.

The Moderator reappointed all members of the Finance Committee for another term ending with the final adjournment of the 1962 Annual Town Meeting as follows: Gordon Spinney, Roger Perry, Arthur Staples, John Cambra, Osman Crotty, Earle Smith and Kenneth Holmes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 P. M.

ATTEST:

PERCY B. SOMMONS,
Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON DURING 1961

Month	Name	Parents
JANUARY		
1	James Francis Torres	Francis James & Dorothy Theresa Bleau Torres
13	Gregory David Bagley	Donald H. & Bette J. Larrabee Bagley
20	Timothy Francis Rhines	Wilfred A. & Irene E. Silvia Rhines
21	Richard Franklin Simmons	Richard Franklin & Barbara Anne McElroy Simmons
FEBRUARY		
11	Neil Justin Beynart	John P. & Arline F. Kittle Beynart
11	Lisa Gail Fleck	Joseph W. & Shirley M. Bennett Fleck
13	Debra Lyn Butler	Kenneth G. & Rema G. Mills Butler
14	Clinton Russell Harvey	Clinton Robert & Esther Betty Sandlin Harvey
14	Hal Hoeber Horton	Lloyd Amza & Ann Oakley Walbrook Horton
15	Linda Louise Hicks	James Daniel & Shirley May Needs Hicks
15	Alphonse Carpenter, Jr.	Alphonse & Eileen M. Charves Carpenter
13	Richard Allen Rose	Francis Lewis & Catherine Helen Donahue Rose
27	Kelly Lynne McCarthy	Joseph Michael & Mary Louise Hoke McCarthy
MARCH		
2	Sandra Jean Andrade	Richard J. & Eugenia Pontes Andrade
5	Cheryl Ann Ashley	Thomas Michael & Pauline Ann Medeiros Ashley
8	Mark Raymond Murray	Frank Joseph & Joan Terese Perrault Murray
9	David Lance Strange	Ellis Emerson & Laurelie Walker Strange, Jr.
16	Stephen John Navarro	Raymond L. & Martha L. Goulart Navarro
17	Karen Lynn Pratt	Richard John & Caroline Rose Kingsley Pratt
21	Hugh Lyle Dwyer	John Linton & Albertine Laurel Swanson Dwyer
23	Jennifer Ault Simmons	George E. & Janet S. Barry Simmons
23	Henry Lionel Bennett	Henry Lionel & Mary Louise Lapre Bennett
25	Russell Scott Wynne	Robert Joseph & Jeannette Signe Lincoln Wynne
29	Dean Wesley Adams	John Luther & Eleanor Mae MacDonald Adams, Jr.
29	Nancy Alice Amaral	Edward & Stella Linnehan Amaral
APRIL		
2	Joyce Elaine Souza	Louis F. & Helen E. Souza Souza
3	David Alan St. Pierre	Donald L. & Doris M. Silvia St. Pierre
7	Audrey Smith	Fred & Sydney Osborne Smith

10	Robert Edward Gray	Thomas Burnice & Gertrude C. Stamp Gray
15	Alan William Woods	John C. & Beryl Stephenson Woods
29	Jeffrey Francis Rose	Francis G. & Mary Louise Berry Rose
30	Frederick Daniel Wilbur	Frederick Daniel & Jeanne A. Trahan Wilbur
MAY		
3	Steven Paul Jones	Phillip W. & June L. Ferreira Jones
4	Roger Solomon	Paul & Meva Mae Richard Solomon
4	Donna Marie Ferreira	William Moniz & Ethlyn Arlene Ryder Ferreira
7	Darlene Marie Bozeman	Baxter M. & Delores Marie Silva Bozeman
12	Elizabeth Lorretta Buckley	Francis & Elizabeth L. Crowninshield Buckley
13	David Lyndon Garnett	Charles D. & Lillian Hathaway Garnett
21	Jane Elizabeth McCombs	George R. & Beatrice Louise Trahan McCombs
28	Harold Joseph Gracia	Harold J. & Jean Bragnall Gracia
30	Brett Edward Stevenson	Edward Joseph & Audrey Ellen Smith Stevenson
JUNE		
5	Maria Bernadette Menard	Roy Joseph & Kathleen Fitzmaurice Menard
9	Debra Ann Lopes	Edward James & Nancy May DeMoura Lopes
11	Pamela Ann Constantine	Arnold & Barbara A. Tavares Constantine
15	Keith Adelard Guillemette	Roger Joseph & Emma Alves Guillemette
22	Kathleen Anne Morrison	Donald F. & Mary P. Griffith Morrison
23	William Alden Turner	William Alden & Marilyn Ann Dudley Turner
28	Anthony George Rose	Anthony George & Margaret Rose Lewis Rose
30	Frank Wiley Dernoga	Frank Joseph & Rosemary Wiley Dernoga
JULY		
1	Brian Joseph Marques	Joseph & Jane E. Andrews Marques
7	Laura Lee Bacon	Robert E. & Maureen M. Rhodes Bacon
9	James Cahill Hoyt	Alvin J. & Patricia M. Gilmore Hoyt
12	Gale Mae Barrow	Kenneth G. & Elaine Costa Barrow
15	Kimberly Ann Silvia	Edward J. & Marilyn J. Flores Silvia
19	Paul Silvia	Alvin & Beatrice L. Gracia Silvia
23	Cheryl Lynn Pontes	Vergilio M. & Glorina Beryl Perrott Pontes
30	Sharon Lynn Braga	Edmund A. & Elaine Pine Braga
31	Joseph Donald Jackson	Joseph D. & Helen Jarosik Jackson
AUGUST		
15	Jo Ann Silva	Joseph R. & Barbara A. Haggerty Silva
18	Sarah MacDonald Baldwin	Peter A. & Carolyn Whitmore Baldwin
31	Mark Dickensheets	James E. & Dorothy R. Robinson Dickensheets

SEPTEMBER

5	Edward Adam Linhares	Edward & Marion Simmons Linhares
9	Ellen Sue Bartley	Donald Ray & Judith Kay McKinley Bartley
22	Mark Willard Ellis	Bruce Willard & Patricia Ann Dunham Ellis
23	Matthew John DeCosta	John & Elaine Wilma Pineo DeCosta

OCTOBER

8	Michael Hyland	Bernard P. & Ann Brady Hyland
12	Mariellen Murphy	Robert M. & Dorothy Dooley Murphy
16	Pamela Jean Ferreira	Joseph & Loretta Desrosiers Ferreira
19	.....O'Connell	William Michael & Patricia Ann Blake O'Connell
24	William Francis Clifford	Thomas T. & Margaret M. Clemmey Clifford
25	Betsy June Bennett	Roger Harold & Audrey Thompson Bennett
25	Jerilyn Mary Atwood	Ernest H. & Cynthia A. Broadbent Atwood
30	Bruce Regan Martin	Richard K. & Nancy C. Regan Martin

NOVEMBER

7	Brian James Dutra	Lawrence D. & Merlyn E. Jennings Dutra
10	William John Sylvia	Richard J. & Mary E. Benevides Sylvia
13	Denise Marie Costa	James R. & Joan C. Boneski Costa
13	Lester Allen Poissant	Nelson & Alice M. Delano Poissant
14	John Anthony Costa	John A. & Margaret P. Thompson Costa
15	Steven Alan Whitmore	Walter & Janet I. Lefaivre Whitmore
16	Durwood Robert Mosher	Durwood A. & Rosanne L. Roberts Mosher
21	Cheryl Ann Buckley	Eldwin & Dorothy Frances Ferreira Buckley
25	Barbara Jean Carr	Walter A. & Hazel M. Brayton Carr
27	William David Jack	William David & Constance Costa Jack
29	Darryl Louis Carpenter	Danny & Delores B. Charves Carpenter

DECEMBER

2	Paul Edward DeFayette	Wilfred & Mary R. Sousa DeFayette
6	Susan Marie Thiboutot	Donat & Betty Jean Barry Thiboutot
12	Jay Ford Golsby	John Ford & Ann Leavitt Park Golsby
17	Scott James Avylla	Thomas F. & Pearl F. LeBlanc Avylla
19	Sally Ann Roy	Edward Wilson & Jeanne Elizabeth Morris Roy
21	Mary Jane White	Leon W. & Jane A. Haggerty White
24	James Frederick Moulding	Joseph Warren & Patricia G. Durand Moulding
31	John Mark Simmons	Richard Franklin & Barbara Anne McElroy Simmons

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON FOR 1961

JANUARY

28 Larry Benjamin Bennett of No. Dakota and Anna Rose Dattolie of Rehoboth.

28 Richard D. Littleton of Taunton and Gladys S. (Potter) Peck of Dighton.

28 George Joseph Mallette of Taunton and Edna Mae Wordell of Dighton.

FEBRUARY

4 John Bernard MacDonald of Jamaica Plain and Gwendolyn Leathers of Dighton.

4 John R. Bonner of Fall River and Janice Gotham Curry of Swansea

11 Richard E. Amaral of Dighton and Eleanor M. Ormond of Rehoboth.

11 Jerry Flanders Fletcher of Dighton and Jo Ann Ashworth of Dighton.

MARCH

11 Ronald L. Culla of Rhode Island and Beverly Ann Jernquist of Rhode Island.

11 Joseph R. Silvia of Swansea and Barbara Ann Haggerty of Dighton.

11 Edward J. Silvia, Jr. of Dighton and Marilyn J. Flores of Somerset.

APRIL

14 Ernest H. Atwood II of Dighton and Cynthia A. Broadbent of Dighton.

14 John Anthony Costa of Dighton and Margaret (Amaral) Thompson of Dighton.

15 Roger H. Dubois of Dighton and Margaret Kenney of Somerset.

22 John Francis Marques of Dighton and Shirley Rita Babbitt of Taunton.

MAY

5 Richard A. Bragga of Dighton and Cynthia Ann Mathiew of Taunton.
6 Robert Anthony DeMoura of Taunton and Kathleen Joanne Perry of Dighton.
6 Maurice A. Boucher of Dighton and Elizabeth A. (Murray) Wakefield of Dighton.
13 Anthony H. Andrews of Dighton and Gloria J. Rose of Berkley.
20 William G. O'Connell of Dighton and Brenda Delderfield of Taunton.
20 Joseph M. Ferreira of Dighton and Georgianna Rogers of Taunton.
27 Earl V. Thompson of Dighton and Telvina (Sardina) Paiva of Taunton.

JUNE

3 George G. Costa of Dighton and Judith M. Viera of Taunton.
10 Herbert F. Atwood of Dighton and Judith A. Antunes of Dighton.
17 Michael A. Colaluca of Raynham and Sheila A. Rogers of Dighton.

JULY

1 Joseph S. Gabriel of Somerset and Anna (Reis) Gomes of Dighton.
1 Duane W. Bellin of Wisconsin and Judith A. Hodson of Dighton.
8 John E. Bergeron of Rhode Island and Sandra Ann Green of Rhode Island.
27 Michael Ray Galavotti of Taunton and Judith Carter Kiernan of Taunton.

AUGUST

5 Robert Henry Waltman of Dighton and Leona Gramm of Dighton.
19 Roscoe P. Trenouth of Berkley and Ruth A. Stafford of Dighton.

SEPTEMBER

2 Antonio D. Parente of Rhode Island and Gabriella A. (Fricker) Mallozzi of Rhode Island.

4 O. Raymond Gagnon, Jr. of Taunton and Colette M. Alves of Dighton.

9 Arthur J. Martin of Dighton and Elizabeth A. Collard of Dighton.

16 Edward H. McDonald of Brockton and Katherine Marie Tierney of Taunton.

23 John R. Walton of Lynn and Mary E. Cottrell of Dighton.

30 John J. Paiva of Dighton and Delores A. (Avilla) Rego of Fall River.

30 David Grant of Taunton and Dorothy Motta of Dighton.

OCTOBER

7 Timothy Douglas Costa of Dighton and Virginia Camara of Rehoboth.

14 William K. McCarthy, Jr. of Dighton and Jeanne Beth Carrier of Dighton.

14 George W. Holden II of Rehoboth and Evelyn F. Marble of Dighton.

20 Albert G. Vargas of Taunton and Maria (Reis) Ellis of Dighton.

28 Robert W. Stanley of Dighton and Lois J. Handren of Taunton.

NOVEMBER

23 John E. Torres of Dighton and Mary Ann Aschbrenner of Dighton.

23 Roger M. Lagace of Dighton and Alexandria Silvia of Taunton.

23 Antoni DeCamara Vieira of No. Tiverton and Frances (Enos) Motta of Dighton.

DECEMBER

19 Salvatore R. Lombardi of Rhode Island and Corinne Folcarelli of Rhode Island.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN DIGHTON FOR THE YEAR 1961

Date	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
JANUARY				
15	Mary Gloria (Rebello) (Santos) Contildes	68	8	21
FEBRUARY				
1	Samuel Orin Joy	83	3	26
3	Antone S. Mattos	75	—	—
17	Hilda (Stafford) Hayes	63	—	10
MARCH				
18	Lucy (Chadwick) (Marsden) Baer	67	8	16
APRIL				
2	Lillian I. (Simons) White	64	2	25
9	Carolina (Rose) Goulart	81	8	30
15	Edith E. (Walton) Doherty	87	6	26
17	William W. Bradshaw	67	1	7
21	Mary A. (Caldwell) Kiernan	84	—	—
26	Elizabeth A. O'Keefe	81	—	—
MAY				
4	Harrison W. George	78	7	20
8	Abraham Greenhalgh	65	1	—
12	Jennie M. (Thorton) Hadley	93	5	14
12	Elizabeth L. (Crowninshield) Buckley	38	10	5
27	Joseph K. Milliken	85	10	22
JUNE				
3	Bertha Leonard (Cole) Wastcoat	62	8	9
7	Gloria (Cruz) Costa	81	—	28
10	Archie Milton Thurber	77	7	10
28	Hilma S. (Carlson) Christenson	87	1	15
JULY				
26	Frank H. Boothby	81	—	—

AUGUST				
24	Mary Veronica (Barrett) O'Connell	65	—	—
SEPTEMBER				
1	Clarence W. Swan	62	—	17
29	Maria A. (Borges) Simmons	83	—	—
30	Ulysse Lavoie	42	—	—
OCTOBER				
10	Alva Morgan	46	—	—
12	George F. Dennehy	86	—	—
23	Gordon C. Hixon	56	6	29
23	Mary O'Connell			3
26	Helen Hazel (Atherton) Gustafson	69	1	21
DECEMBER				
8	Alton E. May	64	8	2
20	Emilia Fournier Landry	79	—	—
31	Pierre Caron	84	5	5

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1961

Balance in Treasury, December 31, 1960	$169,158.53
Total Receipts in 1961	921,316.37
	$1,090,474.90
Selectmen's Warrants in 1961	904,654.14
Balance in Treasury, December 31, 1961	185,820.76
	$1,090,474.90

See Town Accountant's Report for detailed list of receipts and expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,
PERCY B. SIMMONS,
Town Treasurer

REPORT OF CEMETERY FUND

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 12/31/60	Interest in 1961	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/61
Harriet M. Briggs	$200.00	$257.41	$9.07	$266.48		$266.48
Submit Babbitt	50.00	62.35	2.32	63.51		63.51
Mary J. Briggs	100.00	135.07	5.10	137.60		137.60
Edgar A. Essex	20000	248.58	8.75	257.33	3.00	254.33
Ebenezer Gay	50.00	57.19	2.16	58.26		58.26
William D. Goff Lot	100.00	126.26	4.70	128.62		128.62
Bliss—Arthur A. Hathaway	200.00	238.14	8.40	246.54	4.00	242.54
Nancy C. Jones	150.00	182.13	6.43	188.56	3.00	185.56
Dr. A. J. Smith	150.00	185.23	5.60	190.83	4.00	186.83
Martha L. Smith	50.00	53.89	1.61	55.50	1.00	54.50
Oliver P. Simmons	721.00	724.45	27.42	751.87		751.87
Sarah Babbitt Lot	100.00	216.38	7.63	224.01	7.00	217.01
Joseph Gooding	142.75	160.09	6.11	163.09		163.09
Josephine G. Thaxter Lot	100.00	120.21	4.24	124.45	3.00	121.45
William Walker	250.00	246.63	9.28	251.24		251.24
Jesse P. Goff	100.00	110.52	3.89	114.41	1.00	113.41
George H. Horton	100.00	176.43	6.21	182.64	8.00	174.64
E. & J. Lincoln	200.00	218.79	7.71	226.50	6.00	220.50
Gilbert Strange	300.00	305.28	10.77	316.05	7.50	308.55
Josiah R. Talbot	100.00	178.49	6.73	185.22		185.22
Emery White	100.00	110.77	3.89	114.66	2.00	112.66

CEMETERY FUNDS—continued

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 12/31/60	Interest in 1961	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/61
Emeline Williams	100.00	114.39	4.32	118.71		118.71
Charles E. Carr	500.00	531.35	18.74	550.09	16.00	534.09
Isabelle W. Snow	100.00	101.34	3.05	104.39	4.39	100.00
N. Allen Walker	150.98	257.08	9.71	266.79	15.00	251.79
Briggs Lot	125.00	141.11	5.49	143.75		141.11
Joshua Bliss	5000.00	5515.11	194.70	5709.81	125.00	5584.81
Bliss—Westcoat	200.00	241.81	8.52	250.33	3.00	247.33
David W. Francis	100.00	140.45	5.31	145.76	3.00	142.76
Albert F. Goff	50.00	57.47	1.73	59.20	2.00	57.20
Elbridge G. Francis	200.00	237.44	8.36	245.80	3.00	242.80
George E. Francis	100.00	186.37	7.03	193.40	3.00	190.40
Benjamin F. Goff	100.00	145.74	5.18	150.92	3.00	147.92
Emerson W. Goff	100.00	128.45	4.84	133.29	3.00	130.29
Ephira Goff	100.00	122.24	4.31	126.55	3.00	123.55
Truman N. Goff	100.00	144.95	5.09	150.04	3.00	147.04
Zenas H. Goff	200.00	273.52	10.33	283.85	3.00	280.85
John H. Harlow	100.00	117.23	4.13	121.36	2.50	118.86
Alfred A. Horton	100.00	115.36	4.10	119.46	2.50	116.96
John H. Horton	100.00	120.38	4.54	124.92	2.50	122.42
Nelson Horton	100.00	176.12	6.21	182.33	3.00	179.33
Job Paull	100.00	142.70	5.38	148.08		148.08

CEMETERY FUNDS—continued

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 12/31/60	Interest in 1961	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/61
Robert S. Waterman	100.00	125.98	4.74	130.72	3.00	127.72
Etta Westcott	100.00	121.67	4.27	125.94		125.94
Westcott McNally	200.00	217.82	6.58	224.40	3.00	221.40
Francis J. Wheeler	100.00	129.13	4.88	134.01	3.00	131.01
Shubel Wheeler	100.00	114.54	3.45	117.99	2.00	115.99
Thomas B. Witherell	100.00	132.04	4.69	136.73	3.00	133.73
Helen C. Briggs	75.00	80.63	2.84	83.47	3.00	80.47
Sylvanus Jones	100.00	175.21	6.18	181.39	9.00	172.39
Nathan Walker	100.00	106.85	3.89	108.84		108.84
Wendell Weed	100.00	115.73	4.35	117.89		117.89
Williams Lot	100.00	190.00	7.18	197.18	4.00	193.18
Rufus P. Horton	400.00	403.53	12.19	415.72	3.00	412.72
Charles & Mary Olney	200.00					200.00

JURY LIST 1961-1962

Name	Occupation	Address	Post Office
Andrews, Inez E.	At Home	Wellington St.	No. Dighton
Andrews, William	Conservation Service	Wellington St.	No. Dighton
Angus, Melvin	Self-employed	Winthrop St.	No. Dighton
Bradshaw, Marion	Unemployed	Somerset Ave.	Segreganset
Buckley, Francis A.	Shipper	Summer St.	No. Dighton
Buckley, Francis W.	Retired	School St.	No. Dighton
Buckley, Rhea	At Home	School St.	No. Dighton
Carvalho, Joseph C.	Laborer	Tremont St.	No. Dighton
Chace, Milton P.	Watchman	Main St.	Dighton
Denbow, Sherlock W.	Farmer	William St.	No. Dighton
Donle, Catherine	At Home	Pine St.	No. Dighton
Garnett, C. Douglas	Sales Supervisor	Center St.	No. Dighton
Gorden, Norman F.	Owner-Manager	Lincoln Ave.	No. Dighton
Heinig, Mary I.	At Home	Summer St.	No. Dighton
Holmes, Muriel M.	Secretary	Somerset Ave.	Segreganset
Knott, George	Textile Worker	Bedford St.	No. Dighton
Knox, Walter	Supervisor	Hart St.	Dighton
Lemieux, Edward E.	Co-ordinator	Pleasant St.	Digtton
Medeiros, John A.	Self-employed	Elm St.	Dighton
Miguel, George	Farmer	Hart St.	Dighton
Miller, Walter	Stationary Fireman	Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Nascimento, Hilda	Clerk	Pine St.	Dighton
O'Connor, Dorothy L.	At Home	School St.	No. Dighton
Pires, John	Farmer	Main St.	Dighton
Rebello, Fred E.	Unemployed	Forest St.	No. Dighton
Rebello, Mary	Office Clerk	Forest St.	No. Dighton
Rose, Madeline	Waitress	Cobb's Lane	Dighton
Ross, Norman	Cranston Print Works	Center St.	Segreganset
Sloan, Margaret	At Home	Williams St.	No. Dighton
Spratt, Karl Sr.	Millwright	Main St.	Dighton
Vincent, Ann	At Home	Forest St.	No. Dighton
Wall, Selma	At Home	Mt. Hope St.	No. Dighton
Webster, Thomas K.	Textile Worker	Somerset Ave.	Segreganset
Willis, Catherine E.	At Home	Forest St.	No. Dighton
Wilson, Beverly A.	Bank Teller	Pleasant St.	Dighton

JURORS DRAWN DURING 1961

January 4, 1961

Persis Chase, Main St., Dighton, Compressor Operator.

George Carvalho, Main St., Dighton, Farmer.

Francis O'Connor School St., No. Dighton, Journeyman Electrician.

Albert Reed, Pleasant St., Dighton, Farmer.

January 25, 1961

Leslie W. Horton, Williams St., No. Dighton, Construction Equipment Operator.

March 6, 1961

James Hodson, Spring St., No. Dighton, Tool Grinder.

Edward Grace, Milk St., Dighton, Laborer.

Dorothy Miller, Somerset Ave., No. Dighton, At Home.

John Ingham, School St., No. Dighton, Retired Watchman.

Emma Duarte, Williams St., No. Dighton, At Home.

March 29, 1961

Kenneth Holmes, Horton St., No. Dighton, Cashier.

April 26, 1961

Eleanor Cummings, Lincoln Ave., No. Dighton, At Home.

William Sandager, Williams St., No. Dighton, Product Engineer.

May 8, 1961

Gertrude Gray, Wellington St., No. Dighton, At Home.

May 18, 1961

Roger Costa, Center St., No. Dighton, Shipper.

September 6, 1961

William Andrews, Wellington St., No. Dighton, Soil Conservation Service.

October 4, 1961

Walter Miller, Somerset Ave., No. Dighton, Stationary Fireman.

Thomas K. Webster, Somerset Ave., Segreganset, Textile Worker.

November 1, 1961

Joseph Carvalho, Tremont St., No. Dighton, Laborer.

November 29, 1961

Inez Andrews, Wellington St., No. Dighton, At Home.

LICENSES ISSUED DURING 1961

The following licenses were issued during 1961; All Alcoholic Club License (2); All Alccoholic Common Vuctualler License (2); All Alcoholic Package Store License (2); Automobile Dealer's License—Class I (1), Class II (5), Class III (2); Cabin License (1), Common Victualler's License (14); Denatured Alcohol License (5); Gasoline & Fuel Oil Storage (1); Junk Collectors (3), Auctioneer's License (4); Ice Cream Manufacturer's License (1); Garbage Permits (3); Renewal Gravel Permits (6); Entertainment on the Lord's Day Licenses (4); Oleomargarine Licenses (9); Milk Licenses—Store (16); Vehicle (9); Oyster Bed Privileges (1); Temporary Wine & Malt Beverages (5); Building Permits—New Construction (19); Alteration (47); Sanitation Permits (26); Sausage Permit (1); Lord's Day Licenses (15), Permits to Demolish (11), Trailer Permits (7), Moving Permits (3).

A dog racing meeting license to conduct a dog racing meeting was issued to the Taunton Greyhound Association, Inc. beginning Aug. 28 to Sept. 9, 1961 and also beginning Sept. 18 to Oct. 31, 1961. A dog racing meeting license was issued to the Rehoboth Fair, Inc. beginning Sept. 11 to Sept. 16, 1961.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Our annual report to the citizens of Dighton for the year 1961 is as follows:

Appropriations

To be raised by taxation		$613,408.20	
To be taken from available funds:			
Voted in 1960	$ 1,866.75		
Voted in 1961	61,904.21		
			63,770.96
Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay		323.20	
State Taxes		5,801.20	
County Tax and underestimates		17,857.14	
Tuberculosis Hospital assessment		6,257.19	
Overlay		19,574.90	
Amount to be raised			$726,992.79

Estimated Receipts

Income Taxes	$67,154.58
Corporation Taxes	37,416.00
Old Age Tax	1,461.94
Mottor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	51,150.26
Licenses	3,178.28
Fines	157.00
General Government	270.06
Protection of Persons & Property	58.75
Health & Sanitation	456.93
Highways	108.27
Charities	9,143.41
Old Age Assistance	17,646.64
Veterans' Services	2,542.29
School	31,984.49
Libraries	37.90
Interest	490.19

State Assistance for School Construction		11,792.02	
Farm Animal Excise		176.43	
Transferred from available funds		63,770.96	
Total Estimated Receipts			$298,996.40
Net amount to be raised by taxes			$427,996.39
Number of Polls—1102			
Taxes assessed on Polls		$2,204.00	
Value of Personal Property	$554,465.00		
Taxes assessed on Personal		46,575.06	
Value of Real Estate	4,514,492.00		
Taxes assessed on Real Estate		379,217.33	
Total Valuation	$5,068,957.00		
Total Taxes			$427,996.39

Tax Rate—$84.00 per M

Total number of persons assessed	1,183
Number of acres of land assessed	125,537
Number of dwelling houses assessed	963
Number of businesses assessed	45
Value of exempt property	35,762.19
Stock in trade	55,975.00
Machinery	26,700.00
Livestock	490.00
All other tangible personal property	471,300.00
Value of land	677,215.00
Value of buildings	3,837,277.00

Farm Animals Assessed	General	$5 Excise
Number of horses		7
Number of cattle		209
Yearlings: steers	2	7
Number of sheep	16	1
Number of fowl		5150

Taxes assessed on Motor Vehicles and Trailers—$56,589.26

North Dighton Fire District

Appropriations		$31,041.00	
To be taken from available funds		4,000.00	
State Taxes		105.17	
Overlay		358.52	
Gross amount to be raised			$35,504.69
Estimated Receipts		24,151.24	
Transferred from available funds		4,000.00	
Total estimated receipts			$28,151.24
Net amount to be raised by taxes			$7,353.45
Value of Personal Property	$29,075.00		
Taxes on Personal		$136.65	
Value of Real Estate	1,535,477.00		
Taxes on Real Estate		7,216.80	
Total Valuation	$1,564,552.00		
Total Taxes			$7,353.45

Tax Rate—$4.70 per M

Dighton Electric Light District

Appropriations		$3,965.00	
State Taxes		50.72	
Overlay		178.99	
Gross amount to be raised			$4,194.71
Estimated receipts			$1,000.00
Net amount to be raised by taxes			$3,194.71
Value of Personal Property	$312,560.00		
Taxes on Personal		$500.10	
Value of Real Estate	1,684,125.00		
Taxes on Real Estate		2,694.61	
Total Valuation	$1,996,685.00		
Total Taxes			$3,194.71

Tax Rate--$1.60 per M

Dighton Water District

Appropriations		$44,050.00	
State Taxes		251.36	
Overlay		762.09	
Gross amount to be raised			$45,063.45
Estimated receipts			$21,032.20
Net amount to be raised by taxes			$24,031.25
Value of Personal Property	$319,460.00		
Taxes on Personal		$3,514.06	
Value of Real Estate	1,865,190.00		
Taxes on Real Estate		20,517.19	
Total Valuation	$2,184,650.00		
Total Taxes			$24,031.25

Tax Rate—$11.00 per M

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. MENDOZA, Chairman
HOWELL S. CARR
LEO T. PIVIROTTO
Board of Assessors

DOGS LICENSED IN 1961

Males	257
Females	30
Spayed Females	104
Kennels	8
Total	399

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

	1958	1959	1960	1961
Personal Property				
Outstanding December 31, 1960		$123.90	$377.92	
Commitment				$46,575.06
Added Interest		7.03	3.20	.40
Total		130.93	381.12	46,575.46
Paid Treasurer		130.93	190.98	45,929.50
Balance Due December 31, 1961		None	190.14	645.96
Total		130.93	381.12	46,575.46
Real Estate				
Outstanding December 31, 1960		4,027.21	18,319.72	
Commitment				379,217.33
Refunded Abatements			164.00	
Added Interest		210.73	227.56	35.52
Total		4,237.94	18,711.28	379,252.85
Paid Treasurer		3,788.93	10,454.93	349,933.06
Tax Title Account		208.58	312.42	658.14
Abatements		110.63	328.00	8,421.42
Balance Due December 31, 1961		129.80	7,615.93	20,240.23
Total		4,237.94	18,711.28	379,252.85

	1958	1959	1960	1961
Poll Tax				
Outstanding December 31, 1960		12.00	154.00	
Commitment				2,204.00
Added Interest		.15	1.15	.90
Added Fees		2.55	19.55	40.15
Refunded Abatements				4.00
Total		14.70	174.70	2,249.05
Paid Treasurer		8.70	66.70	1,885.05
Abatements			96.00	280.00
Balance Due December 31, 1961		6.00	12.00	84.00
Total		14.70	174.70	2,249.05
Farm Excise				
Outstanding December 31, 1960	1.88		52.55	
Commitment				176.43
Added Interest	.12		1.85	
Total	2.00		54.40	176.43
Paid Treasurer	2.00		53.10	114.42
Balance Due December 31, 1961			1.30	62.01
Total	2.00		54.40	176.43

	1958	1959	1960	1961
Motor Vehicle Excise				
Outstanding December 31, 1960	$167.97	962.90	5,492.07	
Commitment			13,091.62	56,589.26
Added Interest	1.80	8.23	69.06	
Refunded Abatements			783.14	1,137.70
Total	169.77	971.13	19,435.89	57,726.96
Paid Treasurer	25.90	213.07	15,826.66	41,824.65
Abatements	143.87	7.62	2,653.36	3,504.14
Balance Due December 31, 1961		750.44	955.87	12,398.17
Total	169.77	971.13	19,435.89	57,726.96
North Dighton Fire District—Personal				
Outstanding December 31, 1960			11.03	
Commitment				136.65
Total			11.03	136.65
Paid Treasurer				122.55
Balance Due December 31, 1961			11.03	14.10
Total			11.03	136.65

	1958	1959	1960	1961
North Dighton Fire District—Real Estate				
Outstanding December 31, 1960		29.67	311.88	
Commitment				7,216.80
Refunded Abatements				5.64
Added Interest		1.88	3.46	.55
Total		31.55	315.34	7,222.99
Paid Treasurer		31.55	240.52	6,875.98
Abatements				7.89
Balance Due December 31, 1961			74.82	339.12
Total		31.55	315.34	7,222.99
Dighton Water District—Personal Property				
Outstanding December 31, 1960			36.79	
Commitment				3,514.06
Added Interest			.41	
Total			37.20	3,514.06
Paid Treasurer			34.57	3,453.73
Balance Due December 31, 1961			2.63	60.33
Total			37.20	3,514.06

	1958	1959	1960	1961
Dighton Water District—Real Estate				
Outstanding December 31, 1960		663.60	1,583.46	
Commitment				20,517.19
Added Interest		35.16	16.35	2.00
Total		698.76	1,599.81	20,519.19
Paid Treasurer		610.62	786.87	18,730.90
Tax Title Accounts		39.11	39.00	61.05
Abatements		19.88		107.80
Balance Due December 31, 1961		29.15	773.94	1,619.44
Total		698.76	1,599.81	20,519.19
Dighton Water District—Water Liens				
Outstanding December 31, 1960		57.27	58.90	
Total		57.27	58.90	
Tax Title Account		57.27	58.90	
Total		57.27	58.90	
Dighton Electric Light District—Personal Property				
Outstanding December 31, 1960			2.07	
Commitment				500.10

	1958	1959	1960	1961
Added Interest			.03	
Total			2.10	500.10
Paid Treasurer			1.61	495.32
Balance Due December 31, 1961			.49	4.78
Total			2.10	500.10
Dighton Electric Light District—Real Estate				
Outstanding December 31, 1960		81.85	180.67	
Commitment				2,694.61
Added Interest		4.72	1.91	.36
Total		86.57	182.58	2,694.97
Paid Treasurer		75.75	81.14	2,496.37
Tax Title Accounts		6.20	7.33	8.88
Abatements				8.32
Balance Due December 31, 1961		4.62	94.11	181.40
Total		86.57	182.58	2,694.97

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY B. SIMMONS,

Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE DIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the following report of the Dighton Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1961.

The department received 78 calls as follows: Automobile fires (2); Automobile accidents (2); Barn (2); Brush (9); Chemicals (3); Chimney (2); Dump (3); Electric Pole (1); Electric Wire Down (1); Gasoline (1); Grass (27); House (2); Jr. High School (1); Leaves (3); Mattress (1); Mutual Aid to Berkley (1); Rekindle (2); Storage Building (1); Shed (1); Unnecessary calls (5); Woods (8).

The following are approximate figures on the amount of materials and equipment used: 76,620 gallons of water, 15,885 feet of booster hose, 12,700 feet of forestry hose, 3800 feet of 2½″ hose, 5250 feet of 1½″ hose, 313 feet ladders, 14 hydrants, 4 CO_2 Extinguishers, 3 Ansul Extinguishers.

Permits issued: L. P. Gas (10); Oil Burner (30); Explosives (9); Oil storage (1).

A standby was maintained at both stations during the storm of January 20, February 4 and 5, also during hurricane Esther.

The Tank truck was used to great advantage in snow plowing.

The New Fire Station was accepted by Town Officials Saturday, February 25, 1961.

Mutual aid was received by Dighton from Taunton, Rehoboth and Swansea.

Mutual aid was rendered to Berkley by Dighton.

Two men were injured at a house fire on Tremont St.; they were removed to the hospital in the ambulance, one with a broken ankle and one with contusions.

Civil Defense drill was held with men and apparatus from both stations participating.

A Christmas Party for the children of the Town was held on Sunday, December 17, at the Elementary School Auditorium. The party was sponsored by the Fire Department Associations.

I wish to thank the Town Officials and the Citizens for the cooperation they have given the Fire Department and for helping to keep our fire losses to a minimum.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY F. WILLIS,
Chief, Dighton Fire Department
and Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE DIGHTON AMBULANCE

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the following report of the service rendered by the Dighton Ambulance and the men that operate it, for the year ending December 31, 1961.

During the year the ambulance made 62 runs as follows: To: Morton Hospital, Taunton (31); Lakeville Sanatorium, Lakeville (1); Dighton Nursing Home (6); Truesdale Hospital, Fall River (5); Union Hospital, Fall River (4); New England Baptist Hospital, Boston (1); Bristol County Hospital (1). From: Truesdale Hospital, Fall River (1); Dighton Nursing Home (2); New England Baptist Hospital, Boston (1); Union Hospital, Fall River (1); Morton Hospital, Taunton (8).

Patients handled (69); Patients administered oxygen (3); Ambulance not used or needed (3); Accidents (7); Patients D.O.A. (1).

I wish to thank the officers and members of the Dighton Fire Department who have manned the ambulance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY F. WILLIS,
Chief, Dighton Fire Department

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my police report for the year 1961.

ARRESTS: Assault & Battery (4); Disturbing the Peace (1); Non-Support (4); Mental (3); Breaking & Entering in Night (3); Breaking & Entering in Day (3); Drunk (7); Vagrants (2); Begetting (1); Attempted Rape (1); Unarmed Robbery (1); Driving to Endanger (6); Driving after License suspended (4); Carrying Dangerous Weapon (1); Unregistered & Uninsured (2); Stolen Auto (1); Accessory Before & After (1); Driving under the Influence (1).

There were 34 warrants served, 43 summons served, 2 missing persons located; 7 ambulance runs, 692 complaints and requests received and acted on, and a few juvenile problems which were handled with no court action with the cooperation of the parents.

Three persons were issued Licenses to Sell Firearms and twelve persons were issued Licenses to Carry.

I wish to thank all Town Officials and the Citizens of the Town for their cooperation in maintaining order. I also wish to thank Sergeant McGuire and the State Police under his supervision for the assistance they have given me.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. MASON,
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE CIVILIAN DEFENSE DIRECTOR

To the Townspeople of Dighton:

During 1961 Dighton continued to be active in weekly communication drills and various meetings.

Dighton Civil Defense participated in National Operations Alert held on Friday and Saturday, April 28th and 29th, acting as relay center for surrounding communities. At this time, town sirens were tested to familiarize townspeople with the "Take Cover" signal. School children were evacuated to their school shelters. On May 22d, a rescue drill was held with the Fire Department which proved very successful.

The Dighton Civil Defense Organization Plan was approved and is on file at Area 2 Headquarters in Bridgewater As a result, the Town of Dighton is able to participate in the Federal Contributions Program. In 1961, through Civil Defense, the Town of Dighton acquired from Government Surplus, the following items: two (2) complete sets of welding and cutting oxygen and acetylene equipment, one (1) electric welder, one 3KW generator, one (1) 15 KW Diesel generator and one (1) Dodge truck. Total valuation of these items is approximately $6,855.50—cost to the Town was approximately $182.00. Also purchased through Surplus was office equipment now being used in the Town Office.

Civil Defense Headquarters is now located in a room in the basement of the Junior High School. The Emergency Hospital Unit and Radio Communications have been transferred to this location.

I wish to thank the Town Officials, Police and Fire Departments, School Officials and teachers for their cooperation; also the faithful Radio Officers and Civil Defense personnel and any one who has helped in Civil Defense work.

Respectfully submitted,
FRED REBELLO
Civil Defense Director

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of Dighton:

Public Assistance is administered in accordance with established rules and regulations of State and Federal governments; in order that the town may receive maximum reimbursements of funds expended under the various categories of relief.

Aid to Dependent Children cases consisted of 7; representing 18 persons. The Town appropriation of $9,000.00 was supplemented by Federal reimbursements of $3,364.50 which are directly applied to the category; and in addition, the sum of 1/3 of the total expenditures is reimbursed by the State. Total expenditures for cash and medical care amounted to $9,601.22.

Disability Assistance appropriation was $6,000.00 with total expenditures of $4,734.79. Town appropriation was more than adequate to meet the needs. Total number of 6 cases participated in this category of relief. Federal reimbursements amounted to $2,194.20, presently based on $42.30 per case count per month. State's share of reimbursement, together with Federal share equals 3/4 of total costs. Town's share is 1/4 of total cost. The sum of $1,620.20 was transferred from Town appropriation to Veterans' Benefits account.

General Relief showed a substantial decrease in case load, aiding 5 cases, representing 21 persons during the year, with only 2 active unemployable cases presently eligible and receiving this category of relief. Total expenditures amounted to $5,893.54, therefore, account showed unexpended balance of $2,106.46. Included in expenditures is the sum of $2,081.49 to reimburse other cities and towns for cases who are legally settled in this town, residing in another city or town where aid was granted. Accounts receivable, due from other cities and towns amounts to $424.52. State reimbursement for aid granted was in the amount of $1,652.85 for cases having no legal settlement. General Relief is non-Federally matched.

Medical Assistance for the Aged consisted of 9 cases receiving relief with total expenditures of $10,999.01. Town appropriation of $6,000.00 was supplemented by Federal grants amounting to $6,118.49. Federal participation for this category is 1/2 of total cost of Medical Vendor payments and State reimbursement equals 2/3 of the remainder. Since no settlements are involved in this category of relief; Town pays balance of cost or approximately 1/6 of total.

Old Age Assistance aided 39 cases with total expenditures of $39,467.73. The Town appropriated the sum of $22,500.00 from which the sum of $21,633.25 was expended. Federal grants amounted to $17,754.00 to meet financial requirements. Federal participation is presently based on flat rate of $49.80 per case count per month. State reimbursement for unsettled cases amounts to total balance after deduction of Federal grant. For cases having legal settlement, State participates in the amount of 2/3 of the remainder, after Federal grant is deducted, and balance is paid by place of settlement. Since legal settlements are involved in this category, amount of refund from other cities and towns, as entered in accounts receivable, amounts to $602.90. Included in total expenditures in addition to cash and medical grants is the sum of $1,509.62, paid to other cities and towns for outside relief.

Expenditures for the administration of Public Assistance amounted to $6,844.62. Federal reimbursements in the amount of $3,052.87 supplemented the Town appropriation of $3,900.00. Federal matching is based on a percentage allocation, which varies quarterly when claims are made. State participation in administrative costs is 25% of all Public Assistance categories, with the exception of General Relief, however not directly applied to the account.

Sincere appreciation is expressed to the State Department of Public Welfare, District #5, and Bureau of Accounts, for assistance rendered in performing the varied social, economic, and fiscal problems involved in the administrative procedures.

The generous contribution of $500.00 for Christmas Fund, donated by the Taunton Greyhound Association, is gratefully acknowledged with thanks.

Appreciation in behalf of the recipients, and this department, is expressed to all Organizations who so generously donated Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets and gifts for the needy.

The cooperation and services rendered by Town Officials, Organizations and Personnel, is acknowledged with sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. BENEVIDES,
Chairman

CLAYTON H. ATWOOD,
FRANCIS J. TORRES,
Board of Public Welfare

BELLA M. BOUCHER,
Director of Public Assistance

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1961.

I have tested, adjusted and sealed the following:

24 scales — 12 adjusted
14 automatic measuring devices

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. HATHAWAY,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To The Citizens of Dighton:

The Board of Health in providing health and sanitation service for 1961, spent $4447.60, which is $147.60 over the amount appropriated.

During the past year fifty-two inspections were made by the Sanitation Inspector, Mr. Leo Duffy. These included inspections on new installation, additions and alterations of present cesspools.

The Polio Clinic was held on March 30, 1961 and 457 doses of vaccine were administered to the children and adults of the town.

We wish to extend the thanks of the Board to Dr. Charles Souza and Nurse Mrs. Esther Bowden for the efficient manner in which they conducted the Polio Clinic and Immunization and Pre-School Clinic.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANCIS J. TORRES, Chairman
WILLIAM F. BENEVIDES
CLAYTON H. ATWOOD
Board of Health

REPORT OF THE HARBOR MASTER

To the Board of Selectmen:

Boating activity is continuing as a strong pace. Our harbor area is being used to its maximum. The new Boating Laws have helped to maintain an orderly anchorage.

An adequate launching area for the use of the townspeople should be considered.

Respectfully submitted,
ARNOLD B. SHAW,
Harbor Master

REPORT OF THE TOWN NURSE

To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

I submit the following report as Town Nurse for the year 1961.

At the immunization clinics held in March, April and May, one hundred ninety four (194) injections were given for the prevention of diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus. A polio clinic was held on March 30th during the day and also early evening hours, 425 received shots and 32 others took advantage of this service at the May 11th clinic. I also assisted at polio clinics in Berkley and Taunton. Forty one children received vaccinations against smallpox at a pre-school clinic in May.

There were no epidemics of contagious diseases during the year.

Three new cases of tuberculosis were reported and contacts were x-rayed.

Two premature births were recorded.

I took advantage of as many educational meetings as I could, and attended board meetings of the Bristol County Health Association and Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children held in Taunton.

At the annual meeting of the Dighton committee of the Salvation Army, I was appointed welfare chairman. I also served as chairman of the local committee of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

A neighborhood group of nurses held five meetings during the year, all of which I attended. These sessions help keep us informed of new procedures and latest equipment, as well as what is being done in our nearby towns. One of these meetings dealt with the physically handicapped, which proved most helpful to me at that particular time.

I wish to express my appreciation to the members of the Board of Health for their continuous cooperation, and to all who so generously gave their time and help at the clinics.

Respectfully submitted,
ESTHER BOWDEN, R.N.,
Town Nurse

REPORT OF VETERANS' AGENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

Benefits were granted to 13 cases, representing 36 persons, who qualified for assistance during the year. Total expenditures amounted to $11,620.20, with State reimbursements of $5,172.21.

The Town appropriated the sum of $10,000.00, which was inadequate to meet increased needs for number of Veterans' and dependents, requiring relief; therefore the sum of $1620.20 was transferred from another account to provide for additional needs in the department.

Included in expenditures is administrative expenses, for salary of Agent in the amount of $300.00, and the sum of $20.00 was paid for association dues.

Sincere appreciation is expressed to office of Commissioner of Veterans' Services, for assistance rendered in the performance of various administrative procedures.

The cooperation of Town Officials and personnel is acknowledged with thanks.

Respectfully submitted,
THEODORE BOUCHER,
Veterans' Agent

REPORT OF THE TOWN HISTORIAN

To the Board of Selectmen and the Townspeople of Dighton:

In my report printed in the Annual Report for 1956, I listed six goals for a worthwhile celebration of Dighton's completion of a quarter of a thousand years.

Now is the time to report to what degree these goals have been fulfilled.

1. Work has been done on a complete collection of important items in our town meeting records with explanatory material. This material includes old legends, maps, and biographies of prominent men. From these items, sections will be selected for publication. Then all will be saved for those seeking information in the future. A birthday booklet, also, will be printed.

2. Signs pointing out places of interest have been planned.

3. Plans for the improvement of the Town Cemetery have been discussed.

4. The Council Oak has been purchased by the town and is receiving care that should prolong its life. Mr. Gordon Hixon was much interested in it, giving it continuous protecton, often with no charge to the town.

5. The School House Restoration Project is under way. The ultimate goal is the creating of a Dighton Museum, wherein many items of historical interest may be kept and shown. A Dighton Historical Society should be formed to keep this project alive.

6. Although the School House Museum will house most historical articles, there are a few extremely valuable and irreplaceable articles that should not be stored in a wooden school house. These can be displayed at Dighton Public Library or at Old Colony Historical Hall in Taunton.

I know that committees and organizations in town have planned many events continuing from May 30 through the summer and fall.

If all these plans are carried out, we shall have reason to be proud of our celebration.

Respectfully submitted,
HELEN H. LANE,
Town Historian

REPORT OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMISSIONERS

An interesting and carefully planned program of play and recreation was enjoyed at both playgrounds during the past year.

Over one hundred eighty children were able to attend the trip to Fenway Park and Franklin Park Zoo. It is expected that even a larger number will make the trip during the coming year.

Field Day events at both playgrounds were well attended. Sincere thanks are extended to local merchants who generously contributed to these events.

A pre-Fourth of July Celebration sponsored by the local service clubs is being planned for the coming year, as well as other events that will be published in the newspapers.

Appreciation is expressed to the Playground Supervisors; Dorothy Sanson, South Playground and Elizabeth Bourgault, North Playground, for their services.

Respectfully submitted,
WILFRED RHINES, Chairman
GEORGE DUTRA
DAVID HORTON
Playground Commissioners

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

All monthly meeting of the Planning Board were held on the third Thursday of each month and all Special Meetings were posted seven days in advance.

During the year the Board met on several occasions with the Board of Selectmen with the following successful results:

1. Closer working harmony between the two Town Boards.
2. Drawing up of a Proposed Protective By Law to be presented at a Public Hearing and placed on the Warrant.
3. Committee formed to restore the Elm St. Cemetery in time for the 250th Anniversary.
4. Survey and discussion held with interested parties on the future use of the "Dwight F. Lane Memorial Field" deeded to the Town by Miss Helen H. Lane.

Respectfully submitted,

MILTON HORTON, Chairman
RICHARD E. BABBITT,
Vice Chairman
WILFRED A. RHINES,
Secretary-Clerk
LAWSON LeFORREST
JUNE HAMBLY
Planning Board

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Board of Selectmen:

The report of the Inspector of Animals for the year 1961 is as follows:

I visited and inspected forty-eight barns and found the following number of animals:

Cows	484
Heifers	43
Bulls	5
Horses	51
Sheep	62
Swine	64
Steers	13
Goats	2

The animals appeared healthy and the barns for the most part were clean. The inspection book was mailed to the Division of Livestock Disease Control, 4 Tremont Street, Boston on December 18, 1961.

Respectfully submitted,
ANTHONY N. SYLVIA,
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Selectmen:

On December 26, 1960 I was notified of my appointment and approval by Dr. Samuel B. Kirkwood, Commissioner of Public Health, as Inspector of Slaughtering for the Town of Dighton for the year ending March 31, 1962.

A report has been mailed to the Department of Public Health, Boston, Mass., montthly. I have not been called upon for any inspections.

Respectfully submitted,
ANTHONY N. SYLVIA,
Inspector of Slaughtering

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my second annual report as the Superintendent of Streets for the year 1961.

The program as established by the Town Meeting vote and approved by the resident engineer of the Dept. of Public Works was nearly completed before the cold weather arrived. The ideal weather, however, enabled the department to undertake most of the special projects; such as brush, cemetery improvements, sidewalk maintenance, tree work, etc. In most cases, we expended nearly all available funds with the exception o fthe Town Forest project, which could be undertaken in the coming year.

I recommend that the Selectmen consider a minimum of two additional stalls to the Town Garage, as the temporary sheds and outbuildings are no longer serviceable. The diesel tractor loader is in immediate need of replacement. I recommend the consideration of a heavier payloader with provisions for a backhoe attachment to be considered for another year.

The equipment purchased in the past years has proven most valuable. A need exists for another chain saw and brush saw, power tools for the shop and miscellaneous small hand tools and accessories. I would encourage the Board to seriously consider the purchase of a power broom and a 6 or 7 yd. stationary type sand spreader.

I appreciate the interest of the Board in the operation of the Department and the cooperation of other Town Officers.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND COSTA,
Superintendent of Streets

PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

To the Town of Dighton:

The Library Trustees met with the Librarian at the Library on January 3, 1962; the report of the meeting as follows:

Joseph Hathaway, Chairman and Lois Staples, Secretary met with the Librarian, Emily Pilling at the Library at 7:30 P. M. Henry Greenlaw was absent, due to business affairs in England. The budget was discussed; and it was decided to apply for the State Aid for Free Public Libraries, which has been offered. This requires the Library to be open a minimum of ten hours a week, which will be arranged.

We are proud of our little Library, in both its appearance and its service.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH HATHAWAY, Chairman
LOIS STAPLES, Secretary
HENRY GREENLAW,
Public Library Trustees

To the Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1961:

Total circulation of books and periodicals		16,352
Adult books	9,087	
Juvenile books	6,752	
Periodicals	513	
Number of persons using the reading room		968
Collected in fines		$52.98

During the year, 410 books were added, 6 of which were gifts.

Respectfully submitted,
EMILY C. PILLING,
Librarian

REPORT OF THE MILK INSPECTOR

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The following is the report of the Milk Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1961:

LICENSING

Milk Licenses—Store, retail	16
Milk Licenses—Vehicle	9
Oleomargarine Licenses	9

SANITARY INSPECTIONS

Retail milk outlets were spot-checked during the year for storage, refrigeration and sanitation.

All dairy farms in the Taunton milkshed, including Dighton, were inspected a minimum of two times during the year.

All processing plants were inspected a minimum of two times during the year.

LABORATORY INSPECTIONS

The following routine analysis were completed during the year:

Babcock Tests	140
Standard Plate Counts	140
Coliform Determinations	140

Rechecks of two high counts were done until normal counts were achieved.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS J. O'BRIEN, V.M.D.,
Milk Inspector

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1961.

All complaints concerning dogs; namely, lost dogs, dogs creating disturbances and annoying live stock and dead dogs in the road, were taken care of to the satisfaction of all concerned.

All stray dogs picked up and not claimed by their owners were turned over to the County after being held ten days.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES H. MASON
Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE SANITATION INSPECTOR

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The following is my report of building permits and sanitation inspections for the year 1961.

18—New Dwellings
1—New Kennel
7—Trailers
1—Swimming pool
1—Permit to move house
25—Sewage disposal alterations
46—Permits for repairs or alterations to existing buildings
11—Permits to demolish buildings

During the year all farms employing migratory farm labor were inspected as required by state law.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO A. DUFFY, R.S.,
Sanitation Inspector

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my first annual report to be published as a town document showing a statement of all receipts and expenditures of the Town for the past financial year, including those of funds managed by the Town Treasurer as Trustee for the Town and showing also the amount of each specific appropriation, the expenditures therefrom and the purpose for which the money has been spent; together with the financial balance sheet of the Town of Dighton as of December 31, 1961, as required under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 61, General Laws.

May I express my appreciation to all Town Officers and Department Heads for their cooperation in enabling me to perform the duties of my office.

Respectfully submitted,
MYRTLE WILSON,
Town Accountant

Classification of Treasurer's Receipts for 1961

Cash Balance as of January 1, 1961		$169,158.53
Received from Town Collector:		
1958 Motor Vehicle Excise	$ 24.10	
1959 Motor Vehicle Excise	204.84	
1960 Motor Vehicle Excise	15,757.60	
1961 Motor Vehicle Excise	41,824.65	
		57,811.19

1959 Personal Property	123.90	
1960 Personal Property	187.78	
1961 Personal Property	45,929.10	
1959 Poll Taxes	6.00	
1960 Poll Taxes	46.00	
1961 Poll Taxes	1,844.00	
1959 Real Estate	3,578.20	
1960 Real Estate	10,227.37	
1961 Real Estate	349,897.54	
		411,839.89
1959 Farm Excise	1.88	
1960 Farm Excise	51.25	
1961 Farm Excise	114.42	
		167.55
Tax Possession (Sale)		156.33
Interest on Taxes		567.70

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Income Tax	10,780.00	
Meals Tax	1,494.08	
Corporation Tax	39,894.46	
School Aid—Chapter 645	11,792.02	
School Aid—Chapter 70	58,636.45	
Vocational Education	9,289.61	
School Transportation	15,992.36	
Tuition & Transportation	861.52	
Civic Education	7.20	
School Superintendency	3,713.33	
Para. Veteran's Abatement	84.00	
National Defense Education	13.80	
		152,558.83

Departmental Receipts:

Town Nurse	135.00	
Sealer of Weights & Measures	30.75	
State Withholding Tax Share	31.56	
Polio Clinic	110.00	
Library—Book Fines	60.86	
		368.17

School Department:		
Sanitary Fund	10.69	
Damaged Books	3.00	
Industrail Arts	34.85	
George Barden—		
Smith Hughes	250.00	
		298.54
General Government:		
Purchase of Chloride	2.55	
Purchase of Typewriters	602.00	
Purchase of Vets. Hall	1.00	
Town Clerk—Dog Licenses	850.50	
Poll Tax Fees	62.25	
Sale of Dogs (Medical School)	129.00	
		1,647.30
Departmental Revenue:		
Aid to Dependent Children—		
From State	3,357.93	
Aid to Dependent Children		
Adm.—From State	454.79	
Disability Assistance—		
From State	1,146.00	
Disability Assistance Adm.—		
From State	156.14	
Medical Aid to the Aged—		
From State	3,430.67	
Medical Aid to the Aged Adm.—		
From State	176.69	
Old Age Assistance—		
From State	15,503.73	
Old Age Assistance Adm.—		
From State	738.79	
Veterans Benefits—		
From State	5,172.76	
Public Welfare	6,817.98	
Dighton-Berkley Bridge	40.20	
School Dept.	44.78	
Pump Service	15.00	
Street Dept.	891.17	
		37,946.63

Aid to Highways Revenue:		
Chapter 91-State	14,006.03	
Chapter 90—State (Maint.)	1,700.00	
State (Elm St.)	13,973.22	
Chapter 90—		
County (Maint.)	1,700.00	
Chapter 90—		
County (Elm St.)	6,986.62	
		38,365.87
U. S. Grants:		
A.D.C. Adm.	909.58	
D.A. Adm.	312.29	
M.A.A. Adm.	353.40	
O.A.A. Adm.	1,47760	
A.D.C.	3,364.50	
D.A.	2,194.20	
M.A.A.	6,323.49	
O.A.A.	17,754.00	
		32,689.06
Grants & Gifts:		
Fire Dept. Special	2,090.00	
Police Dept. Special	16,839.00	
Christmas Fund	500.00	
Ambulance Donations	8.00	
		19,437.00
Licenses:		
Advertising Costs	20.20	
Milk	12.50	
Oleo	4.50	
Building Permits	189.00	
Common Victuallers	70.00	
Gun Permits	48.00	
Alcohol	5.00	
Garbage	6.00	
Cabin	.50	
Sanitation Permits	78.00	
Ice Cream Mfgrs.	5.00	
Lord's Day	45.00	

Gas Storage	5.00	
Auctioneer	20.00	
Junk	15.00	
Sausage Mfgr.	5.00	
Wine & Malt	39.00	
Oyster Bed Privileges	75.00	
Gravel Permits	18.00	
Sunday Entertainment	28.00	
Trailer Permits	35.00	
Package Store	400.00	
Club	1,000.00	
Restaurant	1,000.00	
Auto Dealers	55.00	
Moving Permit	6.00	
		3,184.70
County of Bristol:		
Court Fines	290.00	
County Dog Licenses	502.95	
Boarding Dogs	470.00	
		1,262.95
Miscellaneous:		
Cemetery P. C. Funds Interest	330.39	
Charles S. Chace Trust Fund Interest	34.04	
Road Machinery	2,601.25	
School Cafeteria	26,211.36	
Federal Withholding Tax	33,883.10	
State Withholding Tax	2,711.29	
County Retirement	4,010.26	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	3,025.45	
Mass. Teachers Retirement	6,709.19	
Washington National Insurance	249.20	
Tax Anticipation Loan	70,000.00	
Cemetery Trust Fund (New)	200.00	
O.A.A. Recovery	3,214.50	
Pro Forma Tax	13.11	
O. A. A. Refund	434.57	
Refund—Oil Drum	5.00	

Refund—Police Travel Acct.	23.38		
Refund—Algonquin Gas Co.	361.69		
Special Light	66.00		
Refund—Street Dept.	32.57		
Refund—Vets. Hall Insurance	23.46		
		154,139.81	
Agency, Trusts & Refunds:			
George Barden Check	7,930.00		
Civilian Defense Purchases	108.67		
Veterans Services	27.40		
Tax Sale Recordings	7.04		
O.A.A. Refund	33.85		
Vets. Refund	100.00		
D & R Regional School	500.00		
Dighton Water District	163.89		
Sunday Entertainment License	4.00		
		8,874.85	
Total Receipts for 1961			921,316.37
Total			$1,090,474.90

DEPARTMENTAL DISBURSEMENTS
1961

Town Office		
Salaries	$4,723.03	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	48.84	
Advertising	36.47	
Legal References & Fees	325.46	
Town Reports	1,046.50	
Miscellaneous	264.40	
		$6,444.70
Selectmen		
Salaries	2,400.00	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	92.72	
Advertising	15.05	
Dues, Lunches, Mileage	87.50	
Telephone	235.15	
		2,830.42
Assessors		
Salaries	2,400.00	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	250.18	
Dues, Lunches, Mileage	193.00	
Telephone	35.65	
Revising Maps	500.00	
Miscellaneous	65.60	
		3,444.43
Auditor		
Salary		106.86
Accountant		
Salary	3,880.00	
Supplies	77.14	
Equipment	332.10	
Meetings & Dues	56.76	
		4,346.00
Clerk		
Salary	1,000.00	
Supplies, Postage, Printing	109.44	
Dues, Lunches, Mileage	15.18	

Telephone	70.10	
Miscellaneous	65.03	
		1,259.75
Town Collector		
Salary	2,000.00	
Supplies, Postage, Printing	567.43	
Dues, Lunches, Mileage	57.38	
Telephone	53.60	
Miscellaneous	83.00	
		2,761.41
Town Treasurer		
Salary	1,200.00	
Supplies, Postage, Printing	319.14	
Dues, Lunches, Mileage	69.90	
Telephone	69.70	
Floor Covering	314.00	
Alarm System	600.00	
Miscellaneous	86.31	
		2,659.05
Election & Registration		
Registrars	400.00	
Census	445.00	
Election	112.00	
Police & Janitor	28.50	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	112.88	
Telephone	21.00	
Mileage	6.56	
Clerical	76.80	
Miscellaneous	25.00	
		1,227.74
Dog Officer		
Fees	496.00	
Envelopes	23.60	
		519.60
Town Insurance		
Automobile	1,433.22	
Fire	2,566.34	
Bonds	570.10	

Firemen & Policemen	464.25	
Workman's Compensation	2,091.11	
Robbery Safe	217.27	
Boiler & Mach.	260.27	
		7,602.56
Hydrant Rental		
Water District	1,050.00	
Fire District	690.00	
		1,740.00
Veterans' Memorial Hall Maintenance		
Heat, Light, Water	379.60	
Repairs	32.99	
Custodian	24.00	
		436.59
Planning Board		
Supplies	1.75	
Dues	20.00	
Advertising	100.38	
		122.13
Cemeteries Public Property		
Labor		294.40
Civic Center Maintenance		
Light, Water, Fuel	190.69	
Repairs	48.95	
		239.64
Finance Committee		
Dues	15.00	
Supplies	39.65	
		54.65
Town Office Repairs		92.90
House Numbering Account		
Professional Services	1,030.00	
Clerical	335.25	
Supplies	131.52	
		1,496.77

Town By-Laws Revision		265.00
250th Anniversary Committee		2.08
Fire Department		
Wages	2,456.51	
Chief	420.00	
Deputy Chiefs	240.00	
Janitors	360.00	
Gas & Oil	274.22	
Water, Heat, Light, Fuel	1,146.88	
Telephone	932.48	
Equipment	1,918.33	
Equipment Repairs	735.55	
Building Repairs	539.60	
So. Station Development	637.01	
Miscellaneous	263.02	
		9,923.60
Fire Special Dog Track		2,090.00
Police		
Chief	4,680.00	
Officers	614.01	
Telephone	477.86	
Meetings, Dues & Expenses	112.50	
Equipment	25.00	
Equipment Repairs	749.71	
Gasoline & Oil	564.41	
Printing, Postage, Supplies	49.32	
Lock up Fees	58.00	
Out of Town Travel	200.00	
Miscellaneous	191.62	
		7,722.43
Police Special		
Raytheon	3,600.00	
Dog Track	12,370.00	
Rehoboth Fair	869.00	
		16,839.00

South Fire Station		
Contract	1,185.01	
Yard Improvement	635.43	
		1,820.44
Board of Health		
Adm. Salaries	700.00	
Nurse's Salary	1,500.00	
Medical	74.29	
Telephone	193.20	
Vital Statistics	207.00	
Nurses Expenses	17.00	
Milk Inspector	250.00	
Inspector of Animals	175.00	
Sealer of Weights	125.00	
Other Inspectors	245.00	
T.B. Hospital Expanse	921.00	
Sealer's Supplies	40.11	
		4,447.60
Mosquito Control		250.00
Care of Town Dumps		
Wages	1,872.00	
Maintenance	215.80	
		2,087.80
Town Ambulance		
Drivers	191.36	
Gas, Oil, Repairs	421.47	
Laundry	30.19	
Oxygen	4.00	
		647.02
Street Department		
Adm. Salary & Expenses	248.00	
Wages	8,885.83	
Materials, Stone, Gravel, Sand, etc.	1,287.88	
Equipment Rental	17,305.60	
Supplies & Repairs	509.37	
Lights	436.25	

Signs	263.56	
Traffic Control, guard rails, etc.	838.98	
Snow & Ice Removal		
Equipment	3,256.63	
Material	900.41	
Labor	942.62	
Miscellaneous	210.60	
Gas Transmission	2,200.00	
Building		
Water, Supplies, Heat, Lights	184.46	
Telephone	142.05	
Miscellaneous	161.56	
		37,773.80
Dighton-Berkley Bridge		
Tender	840.00	
Power	12.00	
Repairs	110.00	
		962.00
Sidewalk Maintenance		
Wages	955.80	
Materials	25.22	
		981.02
Chapter 81		
Labor	9,601.65	
Materials	6,954.85	
Equipment	4,693.50	
		21,250.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance		
Labor	1,753.20	
Materials	1,828.80	
Equipment	1,518.00	
		5,100.00
Chapter 90 Elm St. Construction		28,572.24
Insect Pest Control		359.00
Brush Control		993.05

Shade Tree Account		385.20
Care of Town Elms		2,498.85
Road Machinery Account		
Gas & Oil	1,209.99	
Equipment	880.21	
Repairs & Parts	3,142.22	
Miscellaneous	3.00	
		5,235.42
Gasoline Account		1,508.44
Highway Equipment Purchases		12,556.89
Aid to Dependent Children		
Cash	8,670.90	
Medical	930.32	
		9,601.22
Disability Assistance		
Cash	2,365.95	
Medical	2,368.84	
		4,734.79
Medical Aid for Aged		
Cash	157.50	
Medical	10,841.51	
		10,999.01
Old Age Assistance		
Cash	31,870.97	
Medical	5,887.14	
Outside Relief	1,509.62	
Burial Expense	200.00	
		39,467.73
Veterans' Benefits		
Adm. Salary	300.00	
Cash	9,889.52	
Medical	966.78	
Clothing, Rent, Groceries	287.20	

Fuel	156.70	
Dues	20.00	
		11,620.20
General Relief Welfare		
Cash	1,389.00	
Medical	734.40	
Clothing, Rent, Groceries	1,449.45	
Light, Fuel	239.20	
Outside Relief	2,081.49	
		5,893.54
Public Assistance Administration		
Salary Director of Public Asst.	4,560.00	
Mileage	200.00	
Adm. Salaries	1,000.00	
Telephone, Postage, Supplies	368.12	
Lunches, Dues	50.50	
Clerical	567.00	
Equipment	99.00	
		6,844.62
School Department		
Adm. Salary	2,733.60	
Other General Salaries	2,759.60	
Other General Expenses	704.88	
Teachers Salaries	135,018.93	
Text Books & Supplies	5,723.42	
Tuition	680.25	
Transportation	19,398.25	
Janitor's Salaries	16,210.00	
Janitor's Supplies	1,498.10	
Light, Water, Gas	4,141.56	
Maint. Buildings & Grounds	3,341.75	
Health	2,586.38	
Furniture & Furnishings	397.16	
Telephone	450.16	
Fuel	4,266.47	
Equipment	730.60	
Household Arts	103.49	
Industrial Arts	212.30	

Truant Officer	20.00	
Other Expenses	737.37	
		201,714.27
Elementary Cafeteria		
Salaries	9,603.52	
Food	16,378.50	
Laundry	119.00	
Repairs & Equipment	18.65	
Supplies	54.60	
Transportation	143.87	
Miscellaneous	48.00	
		26,366.14
Public Library		
Librarian	600.00	
Janitor	240.00	
Books	1,093.80	
Periodicals	44.42	
Water, Fuel, Light	256.96	
Telephone	93.10	
Painting	140.00	
Miscellaneous	93.94	
		2,562.22
Elementary School Library Periodicals		196.95
Smith Hughes - George Barden Fund		250.00
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District		181,219.23
Library Repair Account		1,439.00
Playground & Recreation		
Repairs & Equipment	112.30	
Light	14.35	
Supervisors	350.00	
Rent & Care of Grounds	753.23	
Transportation	150.00	
		1,379.88

Civil Defense		
Fuel	25.40	
Supplies	79.78	
Headquarter's Repairs	357.77	
Telephone	23.39	
Equipment	319.39	
Mileage	50.64	
Miscellaneous	82.37	
		938.74
Proceeds from Sale of Tax Possessions		25.23
Memorial Day Observance		182.75
Old Age Assistance Recoveries		161.20
Tax Title Foreclosure Account		597.02
Christmas Fund—		
Taunton Greyhound Assoc.		500.00
Interest of School Building Loans		5,390.00
Elementary School Bonds		25,000.00
Tax Anticipation Loan		70,000.00
Interest on Revenue Loans		330.30
Agency Trusts & Investments		
County & State Taxes	34,738.93	
County Retirement	4,010.26	
Federal Taxes	33,883.10	
State Taxes	2,711.29	
Blue Cross, Blue Shield	3,025.45	
Teachers Retirement	6,709.19	
Washington National Insurance	249.20	
Proceeds from Sale of Dogs	195.00	
Proceeds from Dog Licenses due County	850.50	
Charles S. Chase Trust Fund	17.02	

Cemetery Perpetual Care	530.39	
Comm. of Mass. Check returned	7,930.00	
Miscellaneous	314.76	
		95,165.09
Refunds		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	1,920.84	
Real Estate Tax	164.00	
Poll Tax	4.00	
		2,088.84
Total Expenditures		$ 906,618.45
By Transfers Within Accounts		1,964.31
Total Cash Expenditures		$ 904,654.14
Cash Balance 12/31/61		185,820.76
Total		$1,090,474.90

DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT
1961

	Balance 1/1/61	Appropriations & Receipts	Additional Appropriations	Total	Expended Transfers	Balance 12/31/61
Town Office		6,900.00			6,444.70	455.30
Selectmen		2,850.00			2,830.42	19.58
Assessors		3,400.00	44.43	3,444.43	3,444.43	
Auditor		106.86			106.86	
Accountant		4,524.60			4,346.00	178.60
Clerk		1,315.00			1,259.75	55.25
Collector		2,805.00			2,761.41	43.59
Treasurer		2,708.50			2,659.05	49.45
Elections & Registration		1,400.00			1,227.74	172.26
Dog Officer		450.00	69.60	519.60	519.60	
Town Insurance		7,839.89			7,602.56	237.33
Hydrant Rental		1,740.00			1,740.00	
Vets Hall Maintenance		300.00	136.59	436.59	436.59	
Town Historian	14.00					14.00
Planning Board		500.00			122.13	377.87
Cemeteries Public Prop.		350.00			294.40	55.60
Civic Center Maintenance		275.00			239.64	35.36
Town Finance Committee		50.00	4.65	54.65	54.65	
Town Office Repairs	165.87				92.90	72.97
Tax Listing Account	70.50					70.50
House Numbering Acct.	2,500.00				1,496.77	1,003.23
Town By-Laws Revision	500.00				265.00	235.00
250th Anniversary Comm.	100.00	250.00		350.00	2.08	347.92

	Balance 1/1/61	Appropriations & Receipts	Additional Appropriations	Total	Expended	Transfers	Balance 12/31/61
Town Forest	250.00	250.00					500.00
Fire Dept.		9,929.51			9,923.60		5.91
Fire Dept. Special							
Taunton Greyhound Ass.		2,090.00			2,090.00		
Police Dept.		7,780.00			7,722.43		57.57
Police Dept. Special							
Taunton Greyhound Ass.		12,370.00			12,370.00		
Rehoboth Fair		869.00			869.00		
Raytheon Co.		3,600.00			3,600.00		
South Fire Station	1,923.92				1,820.44		103.48
Board of Health		4,300.00	147.60	4,447.60	4,447.60		
Mosquito Control		250.00			250.00		
Care of Town Dumps		2,200.00			2,087.80		112.20
Town Ambulance		653.00			647.02		5.98
Street Dept.		36,500.00	1,273.80	37,773.80	37,773.80		
Dighton-Berkley Bridge		1,000.00			962.00		38.00
Sidewalk Maintenance		1,000.00			981.02		18.98
Chapter 81—Highway Fund		21,250.00			21,250.00		
Chapter 90—Maintenance		5,100.00			5,100.00		
Insect Pest Control		542.01			359.00		183.01
Brush Control		1,000.00			993.05		6.95
Shade Tree Acct.		500.00			385.20		114.80
Care of Town Elms		3,500.00			2,498.85		1,001.15
Road Machinery Acct.		4,000.00	1,453.92		5,453.92		
Chapter 90—Elm St.	34,978.64				28,572.24		6,406.40
Town Garage	.52						.52
Gasoline Account	10.01	1,742.86		1,752.87	1,508.44		244.43

	Balance 1/1/61	Appropriations & Receipts	Additional Appropriations	Total	Expended	Transfers	Balance 12/31/61
Chapter 718	850.28					850.28	
Chapter 90— Dighton-Berkley Bridge	4,200.00						4,200.00
Chapter 90—Williams St.		20,000.00					20,000.00
Highway Equip Purchases		12,557.45			12,556.89		.56
Aid to Dependent Children		9,000.00			6,236.72		2,763.28
Disability Assistance		6,000.00			2,540.59	1,620.20	1,839.21
Old Age Assistance		22,500.00			21,633.25		866.75
Medical Aid to Aged		6,000.00			5,262.99		737.01
Public Asst. Admin.		3,900.00			3,894.71		5.29
Veterans' Benefits		10,000.00	1,620.20	11,620.20	11,620.20		
General Relief—Welfare		8,000.00			5,893.54		2,106.46
School Dept.		201,768.00			201,714.27		53.73
Elementary Cafeteria	793.67	26,211.36		27,005.03	26,366.14		638.89
Public Library		2,063.00	502.95	2,565.95	2,562.22		3.73
Elem. School Library	196.95				196.95		
Dighton-Rehoboth Reg. School District		181,219.23			181,219.23		
Library Repair Acct.		1,414.00	25.00	1,439.00	1,439.00		
County Retirement Fund		4,010.26			4,010.26		
Federal Withholding Tax		33,883.10			33,883.10		
State Withholding Tax		2,711.29			2,711.29		
Mass. Teachers Retire. Fund		6,709.19			6,709.19		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield		3,025.45			3,025.45		
Washington Nat'. Insurance		249.20			249.20		
Civil Defense Acct.		1,135.00			938.74		196.26
Reserve Acct. Approp.		5,000.00				1,867.71	3,132.29

	Balance 1/1/61	Appropriations & Receipts	Additional Appropriations	Total	Expended	Transfers	Balance 12/31/61
Memorial Day Observance		200.00			182.75		17.25
Tax Title Foreclosure Acct.		400.00	200.00	600.00	597.02		2.98
Playground & Recreation		1,592.00			1,379.88		212.12
Tax Possession Title Acct.	200.00					200.00	
Agency Trusts & Refunds		9,052.50			9,052.50		
Contributory County Retirement Assessment		5,557.60			5,557.60		
Proceeds Sales of Dogs		195.00			195.00		
Proceeds Dog Licenses Due County		850.00			850.00		
Interest on School Bonds		5,390.00			5,390.00		
Elementary School Bonds		25,000.00			25,000.00		
Tax Anticipation Loan		70,000.00			70,000.00		
Interest on Revenue Loan		500.00			330.30		169.70
Proceeds Cemetery Perp. Care Funds		200.00				200.00	
Cemetery Perp. Care Funds Income		330.39			330.39		
Christmas Fund Taunton Greyhound Assoc.		500.00			500.00		
Charles S. Chase Trust Fund		34.04			17.02		17.02
U. S. Grants George Barden Fund		250.00			250.00		
Total Appropriated Balances Transferred to 1961 Revenue				12,002.81			
Excess of Estimated Receipts over Assessors Estimates				17,240.20			
Surplus 1961 Revenue transferred to Excess & Deficiency Surplus Revenue for 1961					29,243.01		

Town of Dighton — BALANCE SHEET — December 31, 1961

General Accounts

ASSETS

Cash:		
General		$185,820.76
Advance for Petty—School		16.00
Accounts Receivable		
Taxes:		
1959 Motor Vehicle	750.44	
1960 Motor Vehicle	955.87	
1961 Motor Vehicle	12,398.17	
		14,104.48
1960 Personal Property	190.14	
1961 Personal Property	645.96	
1959 Poll	6.00	
1960 Poll	12.00	
1961 Poll	84.00	
1959 Real Estate	129.80	
1960 Real Estate	7,615.93	
1961 Real Estate	20,240.23	
		28,924.06
1960 Farm Excise	1.30	
1961 Farm Excise	62.01	
		63.31

LIABILITIES

Reserve for Petty Cash Advance		$ 16.00
Liabilities:		
Town Historian	$ 14.00	
Town Office Repairs	72.97	
Tax Listing Account	70.50	
House Numbering Account	1,003.23	
Town By-Laws Revision	235.00	
250th Anniversary Comm.	347.92	
Town Forest	500.00	
South Fire Station	103.48	
Chapter 90 Elm St.	6,406.40	
Chapter 90 Construction Williams St.	20,000.00	
Town Garage	.52	
Gasoline Account	244.43	
Elementary Cafeteria	638.89	
Civil Defense Account	196.26	
Chapter 90 D-B Bridge	4,200.00	
Road Machinery Fund	2,601.25	
Old Age Asst. Recoveriees	3,053.30	
Tailings—unclaimed checks	72.43	
Charles S. Chase Trust Fund	17.02	
State Taxes & Assessments	12.04	
		39,789.64

Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children	847.83	
Old Age Assistance	399.02	
Board of Health	375.00	
Pump Service Account	42.00	
Welfare Department	424.52	
		2,088.37
Aid to Highways:		
State	21,814.17	
County	10,287.66	
		32,101.83
County Taxes & Assessment		143.42
Tax Possessions		366.77
Tax Titles		3,409.32
		$267,038.32

Federal Grants:		
Old Age Assistance	354.09	
Medical Aid to Aged	587.47	
Federal Grants Administration:		
Aid Dependent Children	18.07	
Disability Assistance	46.85	
Old Age Assistance	59.36	
Medical Aid to Aged	77.47	
		1,143.31
Reserves		
1959 Overlay	135.80	
1960 Overlay	7,818.07	
1961 Overlay	10,873.48	
		18,827.35
Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus		27,239.75
Revenue reserved until collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	14,104.48	
Farm Excise Revenue	63.31	
Tax Possession Revenue	366.77	
Tax Title Revenue	3,409.32	
Departmental Revenue	2,088.37	
Aid to Highway Revenue	32,101.83	
		52,134.08
Excess & Deficiency:		
Surplus Revenue		127,888.19
		$267,038.32

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded Debt	$220,000.00	Elementary School Bonds	$220,000.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds:		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	9,883.28
Cash in Savings Banks	16,485.59	Joshua Bliss Cemetery Fund	5,584.81
		Charles S. Chase Trust Fund	1,017.50
			16,485.59
	$503,523.91		$503,523.91

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

of the Town of

DIGHTON

Year Ending December 31, 1961

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
William B. Wynne, Chairman Smith Street, Dighton	1962
Harry Hagopian, Secretary 150 Spring Street, North Dighton	1963
Thomas C. Sherman, Financial Secretary 242 Bedford Street, North Dighton	1964
Antone Compos 32 Elm Street, Dighton	1962
Lawrence D. Dutra Somerset Avenue, Dighton	1962
Joseph W. Fleck Water Street, Dighton	1963
Spencer D. Oehrle Center Street, Segregansett	1964

SUPERINTENDENT

Robert T. Roy, B.S., Ed. M.
Residence: 313 Forest Street, North Dighton
Office: Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School, Rehoboth
Telephone: Rehoboth BL 2-4500 (Office)
Taunton VA 2-7323 (Home)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 8:30 A. M. - 9:30 A. M. and by appointment.

SECRETARY

Gladys P. Babbitt

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Charles M. Souza, M.D.

SCHOOL NURSE

Esther Bowden, R.N.

ATTENDANCE SUPERVISOR

Frank Rogers

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entrance Age

First grade registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least six years of age or who will become six years of age on or before the following January 1. There will be no exceptions made to this ruling.

Birth Certificates

Presentation of a birth certificate is required for entrance to the first grade.

Vaccination

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a certificate of vaccination or a statement from his physician that vaccination is inadvisable.

NO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Elementary and Junior High Schools

Whenever it seems advisable to close the elementary school the notice will be broadcast over Radio Station WPEP, Taunton, and over Radio Station WSAR, Fall River, also WPRO, Providence, and WARA, Attleboro.

High School

Whenever the school buses can be safely operated there will be school at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School unless unforeseen emergencies make it necessary to close. In the event of closing the information will be specifically announced over the radio as indicated above for the elementary school.

TRANSPORTATION

The law requires that transportation be provided for pupils residing more than two miles from the school attended or more than one mile from the nearest bus stop. Many pupils living at lesser distances along established routes are transported if the seating capacity of the bus will permit. From time to time it is necessary to refuse transportation to some of those living under the required distance when our buses are filled to capacity with children living at a greater distance.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

as approved by School Committee

1961 — 1962

DIGHTON

Dighton Elementary and Junior High Schools

School opens September 6, 1961		
	closes December 22, 1961	74 days
	opens January 2, 1962	
	closes February 16, 1962	34 days
	opens February 26, 1962	
	closes April 13, 1962	35 days
	opens April 23, 1962	
	closes June 15, 1962	39 days
		182 days

Schools will close on the following days:

Octobed 12—Columbus Day

October 27—Teachers Convention

November 23 and 24—Thanksgiving Recess
Dismiss at noon November 22

May 30—Memorial Day

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation	$201,768.00

Expenditures

General Control	$ 6,670.94	
Transportation	19,274.04	
Teachers Salaries	134,754.93	
Books	2,186.11	
Supplies	2,584.98	
Audio-Visual Aids	12.19	
Janitors Salaries	16,813.50	
Fuel	4,266.47	
Electricity	3,207.93	
Gas	549.85	
Water	383.78	
Music	537.78	
Janitors Supplies	1,139.44	
Miscellaneous	964.39	
Boiler Repairs	384.21	
Repairs	2,607.64	
Health	2,644.17	
New Equipment	1,104.62	
Staff Expenses	106.75	
Household Arts	103.49	
Industrial Arts	161.81	
Evening Practical Arts	575.00	
Tuition—Evening School	680.25	
		$201,714.27
Returned to Town		53.73
		$201,768.00

ELEMENTARY DOG TAX FUND

Unexpended balance, 1960	$196.95
Expenditures, 1961	196.95
Balance on hand	———

NET COST TO TOWN

Expenditures, 1961		$201,714.27
Receipts, 1961:		
General State Aid, Chapter 70	$52,143.55	
Reimbursements, Superintendent's Salary and Travel	1,380.85	
Transportation	15,992.36	
Reimbursement, Vocation Education	9,289.61	
State Wards, Tuition and Transportation	861.52	
Special Education, Chapter 69	3,523.52	
Miscellaneous Receipts	48.54	
Total Receipts, 1961		$ 83,239.95
Net Cost to Town		$118,474.32
Balance Returned to Town		$ 53.73

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

I herewith submit my seventh annual report as Superintendent of Schools in Dighton. Incorporated herein is the report of the Principals, the Music Supervisors and the School Nurse. In these reports are outlined some of the changes that have taken place in the Dighton Schools during the past year.

Program

We have been able to expand our program this year, as is noted in the reports of Dr. Borges and Mr. Aleixo. We have three third grades and a teacher who teaches reading and arithmetic at the fourth and fifth grades making it possible to divide those grades into three divisions for those major subjects.

The School Committee voted to have a pre-primary grade this year. About fifty-five children are enrolled in this grade with a morning and afternoon session being held. Miss Roberta Babbitt teaches both sessions.

At the Junior High School we were able to expand our English program. As this is one of the basic subjects in high school it is important to devote as much time as possible to it.

A continued program of coordinating the curriculum of the elementary school with that of the junior high school and on into the high school is constantly going on. We have had meetings of principals, teachers, department heads and guidance personnel. Programs of study are underway in English, social studies, guidance and music.

We are also attempting to coordinate our program in a horizontal manner with that of the Rehoboth Schools as children from both towns will be attending high school together.

Personnel

We had four elementary teachers leave to teach in other systems: Mrs. Dorothy Borjeson to teach in Raynham; Mrs. Olive Crawford to teach in Fall River; Miss Louise Weiler to teach in Walpole and Miss Olive Kelley to teach in Connecticut. Miss Roberta Babbitt a graduate of Perry Normal School was hired to teach the new Pre-primary grade. Mrs. Helen Olson, a graduate of Bridgewater Teachers College replaced Mrs. Borjeson as second grade teacher; Mrs. Mary Fanjoy who previously taught in Rochester and Lexington was also hired to teach grade 2. Mrs. Lucia Marcille who taught in Springfield is the new third grade teacher. Mrs. Helene Chamberlain, who taught in Freetown, and Miss Mary Fitzsimmons, who taught in Somerset are the new fourth grade teachers. Miss Charlotte Hathaway, a graduate of Lowell State College is music supervisor on a part-time basis at the Elementary School. She devotes the remainder of the week to a similar position in Rehoboth.

At the Junior High School most of the changes as outlined by Mr. Aleixo were at the sixth grade level. Mrs. Jeanette Shaw who formerly taught in Plymouth; Mr. William Donlon, a graduate of Bridgewater State College and Mr. John Needs, Jr. a graduate of the University of Massachusetts are the new sixth grade teachers.

Mr. Donald Morrison, music supervisor left to teach in Plymouth and he was replaced by Mr. Philip Turner who has taught music at Rocky Mountain College for the last eight years.

Although there are more teachers available in some areas, there is still a scarcity of good teachers.

Repairs and Improvements

A great deal of the plumbing was replaced or repaired during the past year. This repair has resulted in our water bill being reduced considerably. The Elementary School roof was repaired and new flashings installed.

The cafeteria, the auditorium and much of the hallways were painted at the Junior High School by Mr. Silvia the head custodian and by Mr. Manuel Sanson his assistant. Mr. Sanson replaced Mr. Charles Leonard who left to take a position in industry.

Mr. Costa and his assistant Mr. Frank Rogers sanded and refinished many of the desk tops and painted the bases in modern school colors.

Again the schools were given their usual good summer cleaning.

Budget

The budget for 1962 will increase by 10% over the budget of 1961. Most of the increase is represented in salaries, with the addition of two teachers at the Elementary School and one at the Junior High School, accounting for half of the increase. The remainder of the increase is due to increase in salaries and the addition of a bus instead of a station wagon for the Carpenterville and Hart Street routes.

Conclusion

I wish to thank all who have helped with the changes in our school program. Many people have put in long hours in working out our problems. I wish to thank the School Committee and other Town Officials for their cooperation over the year.

It is our hope that our schools will continue to progress and that we may develop a system equal to any other in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT T. ROY,
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Robert T. Roy,
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mr. Roy:

I submit the following report for 1961 as School Nurse.

Physical examinations for pupils in grades 1 - 4 - 7 and 11 were given by Dr. Charles M. Souza. Any pupil with a known defect is also checked each year. All pupils participating in competitive sports were given physical examinations before the programs started.

Three immunization clinics for the prevention of diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus were held in March, April and May. A polio clinic was on March 30th and second shots were given at the immunization clinic in May.

Regstration for children entering school was held during the week of April 24th. Most of the 87 listed completed the registration at this time.

A Pre-school clinic for vaccination against smallpox was on May 18th with 41 children vaccinated by Dr. Souza. Many of these were five year olds preparing for the pre-school groups which started in September. Registration for these children were sent out and checked.

Visiting Day on May 24th was again an important event with most of the 87 children accompanied by parent participating.

Thru the screening tests given one pupil was found with a congenital hearing loss and was eventually fitted to a hearing aid. A pre-school youngster was brought in by a parent to be tested and was found to have a severe hearing loss.

As the Health unit at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School was still being used by the contractors I did not

start my daily duties there until February. I was on call for emergencies at all time and took care of the first aid supplies. In February I started my daily visits and got the rooms set up and the health program in progress. Altho the testing equipment has not yet arrived, I hope before the close of this year to have all necessary equipment. Physical examinations will be given in grades 9 and 11 and to all boys and girls taking part in the sports program.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER BOWDEN, R.N.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE DIGHTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Robert T. Roy,
Superintendent of Schools

My second annual report as principal of the Dighton Junior High School is herewith submitted.

This year school opened with 223 students present. The opening of school saw some new faces on the faculty and the loss of a highly respected member, Miss Frances Bergstrom. Miss Bergstrom was married and moved with her husband to Missouri.

The new members of the faculty are Mrs. Jeannette Shaw of North Dighton who replaced Miss Bergstrom in grade six, and Mr. William Donlon who is to teach in a new sixth grade which had to be formed because of increased enrollment.

Later in the year, Mrs. Mary E. Gannon, another capable teacher, tendered her resignation because her husband transferred to North Carolina. Hired to replace Mrs. Gannon was Mr. John Needs of Dighton.

CURRICULUM

In keeping with the latest advances in education, we regrouped our eighth grade into one homogenous and two heterogeneous groups. It was felt that the academically talented could be more profitably challenged by keeping them in one group and gearing their course of studies to their abilities. Likewise, the other students would also profit, as they, too, would progress at their own rate of learning; covering similar areas, but not with the same breadth and depth.

Our English program has been strengthened by the addition of one period of composition to the usual five grammar periods per week. The acquisition of a new series of textbooks also will help the program for grades seven and eight.

Miss Ann Fitzsimmons, of the Elementary School, was assigned to teach one section of our English program. Her presence enabled us to institute the additional composition period as mentioned earlier.

Both our girls and boys physical education departments are participating in President Kennedy's Youth Fitness Program.

GUIDANCE

A very comprehensive testing program is carried out in the Junior High. The results of these tests are closely evaluated by the principal and the teachers to assist us in better understanding our students, and thus enabling us to better meet their needs.

Numerous conferences are held by parents with principal and teachers and by students with principal and teachers. All these conferences are aimed at arriving at a truer picture of the student and how we, the teachers and parents, can best help the student in his intellectual growth. We, at the Junior High, are proud of the rapport that exists between the home and the school.

EXTRA-CURRICULA ACTIVITIES

Science Club In March of this year a Science Fair was held in our school with over 175 students participating. The fair was an overwhelming success as attested by the over 700 parents and interested persons who attended this valuable learning activity. Mr. John Wood and Miss Nancy Holt are to be congratulated for an outstanding effort. Currently plans are being formulated for this year's science fair and we hope to outdo last year's fair.

Drama Under the capable direction of Mr. Everett Jose, Mr. Donald Morrison and Mrs. Mary L. Watson, a group of talented youngsters staged the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "The Mikado." This production was well received by all who attended, and it is hoped a similar production will be performed this year.

Library Club Our library operates daily with student librarians in charge under the guidance of Mr. Everett Jose. With the change from a Senior High to a Junior High, we assumed possession of the books of the former high school. It was necessary to screen all these books to determine their suitability for Junior High school use. This was done, and an efficient cataloging and file reference system was adopted.

Through funds made available by Mr. Roy many new books were added to our collection. Also, the Dighton Lions made a sizeable contribution of books to our library in memory of their departed members. These books have been suitably enscribed to indicate their source.

Athletics A new addition to the familiar sports scene at our school, was the introduction of an intra-mural touch football program. This activity filled the void between the baseball and basketball seasons. Mr. Wood, the boys physical education director, is to be commended on the excellent spirit, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship demonstrated by the boys in his charge.

Because it was impossible for us to schedule any games with any local girl teams, our girls softball and basketball programs were limited to an intra-mural basis. However, Miss

Holt succeeded in teaching the girls the finer points of the game, and certainly, the girls left here for the high school well founded in the fundamentals of both games.

Cheerleaders Our cheerleaders, a highly spirited group of girls led by Miss Holt, displayed superior training and ingenuity in spurring our teams to greater effort.

Student Council The student council acts as liaison between the school administration and the students. They assist the administration in many ways and the students, too, gain much from this experience.

Newspaper Last year, four issues of the school newspaper, "The Cub" were published. Mrs. Wordell and her student staff should be proud of this project which makes a significant contribution to school spirit.

Band Not many Junior High Schools can boast of such a talented group of young musicians as are found in our band. We are proud of them and their conductor, Mr. Charles Lincoln. This group participated in the Massachusetts Music Supervisors Annual Music Festival and received the highest rating. They also participated in two local music festivals; in an exchange of band visits with Pocasset School of Bristol, R. I.; and in our graduation exercises.

Girls Glee Club While under the direction of Mr. Donald Morrison, this group of girls was one of the most active clubs in the schools. They, too, should be singled out for their participation in music fairs and other musical activities. Ths group is now under the drection of Mr. Philip Turner and they are carrying on in the same familiar spirited fashion.

MISCELLANY

Because our building has been in continued use for quite a long period of time, many maintenance problems arise in the course of the year. However, the interior of the school took on a bright, new, shiny appearance because of the efforts of Mr. Alvin Silvia and Mr. Manuel Sanson who were actively engaged in repainting many areas in the school. The custodial staff is a co-operative and capable group to whom I am extremely grateful.

Certainly, our school lunch program should be singled out for commendation. The children are served wholesome, tasty meals which are prepared by Mrs. Alfrena Bettencourt and her kitchen staff.

CONCLUSION

After the completion of one full year as principal of the Dighton Junior High School, I wish to express my sincerest thanks to Mr. Roy for his interest, encouragement and complete understanding and co-operatoin.

I want to also thank the school committee for the interest they have shown in matters pertaining to the school and for the confidence they have placed in me and my faculty.

It is only through the complete co-operation of parents, teachers and all those concerned with the schools that the children of Dighton can continue to develop to their fullest intellectual potential.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD F. ALEIXO,
Principal

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Robert T. Roy,
Superintendent of Schools

It is my pleasure to submit my second annual report as Supervising Principal of the Dighton Elementary School.

ENROLLMENT

The enrollment in September was 464 an increase of 87 students over the 1960 enrollment. The above enrollment includes 56 pupils at the pre-primary level—one A.M. session and one P.M. session.

CURRICULUM

New Arithmetic Program

Constructive change in education has never been greater than at the present time. Pupils in heterogeneous classrooms are distributed over a wide range of ability and aptitude for arithmetic. There is no one best single method of organizing instruction that will perfectly meet the educational needs of all the children all the time.

The plan being used this year for the first time groups pupils homogenously for arithmetic instruction at each grade level. The slow learner must be helped to grasp fundamentals of arithmetic and to achieve useful elementary skills. The average learner should be helped to exceed the goal of minimum essentials while the above average learner should be challenged to reach higher levels of understanding and achivement. Pupils who excel are frequently the most seriously neglected pupils in a class. Our objective will be to challenge all the pupils so that each may succeed according to his talents.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We are happy to announce that the physical education program has been introduced into grades one thru grade three with instruction once every three weeks by Miss Nancy Holt the Girl's Physical Education Instructor. The girls of grades four - five and the Opportunity Class receive instruction weekly under the direction of Miss Holt and the boys of these same classes also receive weekly instruction from the Boy's Physical Education Instructor Mr. John Wood. It is hoped that under the Kennedy physical fitness program more time will be allotted to this program.

READING PROGRAM

Instruction in reading is a technical matter. Many administrative devices and procedures have been used in an attempt to provide maximum opportunities for the development of reading at different levels. Differences in the read-

ing skills and abilities, and the rate at which each is acquired exist for every child.

This year we are continuing the ability grouping in which the reading program is developed to meet more adequately the specific needs of pupils at each level. The program is flexible allowing for adjustments within the reading groups.

GUIDANCE PROGRAM

1 Guidance services for:
   a. Individual counseling
   b. Pupil - teacher conferences
   c. Conferences between the home and the school administrator
2 Achievement Testing Program in all grades.
3 Good school discipline is necessary if pupils are to work in an atmosphere conductive to maximum educational achievement and proper social growth. Discipline is a legitimate goal of education, since the ultimate goal of control is self control.
4 Parent-Teacher Association conferences during the evening to discuss school problems.

OPPORTUNITY CLASS

Our Opportunity Class as established by the Department of Education is being conducted by Mrs. Anne M. Phillips. Before students are placed in this class they are tested by the school psychologist Paul Solomon, Ph. D. During the academic year of 1960-1961 thirty- two students were tested. These children had been referred to the psychologist bcause they were having either academic or social difficulty in their regular classrooms. After each child had been tested a conference was held with the homeroom teacher and principal. Conferences were also held with parents. The Opportunity Class provides instruction and material suited to the talents and capabilities of each individual student. One of the goals of this class is to allow students to go back to regular classes for specific subjects when certain standards have been attained.

In some cases the children were found to have emotional disturbances which were causing their learning difficulties. These cases were referred to the Mental Health Clinic where they are being helped.

SPEECH CLINIC

This year the Speech Clinic program is under the direction of Peter B. Dennison, Speech Therapist. Classes are conducted weekly at the school. All students in the first grade as well as the pre-primary students were carefully screened. After diagnosis pupils are placed in one of the therapy classes. In this program parents and teachers work in conjunction with the speech therapist in a cooperative effort to help students correct speech difficulties.

LIBRARY

Teachers at each grade level are responsible for the circulation of library books within each classroom. It has not been possible to assign a teacher librarian to carry on this work for the school because teachers in the elementary grades do not have free periods which could have been used for this purpose. Much work has been done but much still remains to be done before the library can function as a complete unit.

CAFETERIA

The school works in cooperation with the National School Lunch Program in a subsidy program that makes it possible to serve a nutritious meal at a nominal cost. It has been necessary to schedule three serving periods to accommodate the increased enrollment. Pupils are instructed in dining room etiquette for the lunch period takes its place as a vital factor in the educative experiences of young people.

Mrs. Alfrena Bettencourt cafeteria manager and her assistants should be commended for their excellent service.

EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITIES

1 American Education Week Open House and Tea.

Parents were afforded the opportunity to visit regular class sessions to observe teaching methods and techniques used in our classrooms. This program was well attended by parents who were interested in finding out what takes place in the classroom during specific periods. Parents were able to see their pupils in action during regular class sessions.

2 Room Mothers.

Organization of Room Mothers who serve as hostesses for specific school activities in each classroom.

3 Monitors.

Monitors trained to assume the responsibilities involved in the good citizenship program that is part of the school curriculum.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1 An Art Instructor for Grades 1 thru Grade V.

2 Instruction of Spanish at the elementary level.

3 A school librarian for assignment to full-time or part-time duty.

4 A revised report card.

5 Continued study and research in the field of reading and arithmetic in an effort to compile a course of study in each area that will best fit the needs of our students.

APPRECIATION

May I express my sincere appreciation to Superintendent, Robert T. Roy, the Dighton School Committee, the school faculty, the Dighton Town Officials, the custodians, the cafeteria personnel, the secretary, the school physician, the nurse, the school psychologist and the officers and members of the Parent-Teacher Association for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. ROSE BORGES,

Principal

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC REPORT

Mr. Robert T. Roy,
Superintendent of Schools
Dighton, Mass.

Dear Mr. Roy:

I herewith submit the annual Instrumental Music Report for the Dighton Elementary and Junior High School.

At the Elementary School lessons are offered to students in the fourth and fifth grades. Each student receives one semi-private or group lesson a week. Whenever possible, the students are grouped according to their instrument, ability and progress achieved. The duration of the lesson is either twenty-five or forty minutes depending on the number of students studying in a particular group. The present instrumentation inclues eleven brass, nine woodwind, one percussion and one string instrument.

The Junior High School lesson program is similar to the Elementary program. Each student receives one group lesson a week. The duration of the lesson is one class period. This schedule provides more time for the larger groups and keeps traffic to and from classes which are in progress to a minimum. The instrumentation at the Junior High School includes fifteen brass, sixteen woodwind and four percussion instruments.

Included in the Junior High program is the school band. The band is composed of twenty-nine members and rehearses three times a week, once during the activity period for forty minutes and twice during recess for one half hour. Students are selected for the band according to the progress which they have made in the lesson program. The band gives the student an excellent opportunity to use his acquired skills in a variety of musical styles which aids in making his music studies more meaningful.

The band has performed at the Elementary School Christmas Concert and Junior High Christmas Assembly. Some of

the members have performed with the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School Band during the football season. We are now looking forward to an active schedule for the remainder of the school year. This will include performances at School Assemblies, the Spring Concert, the South Eastern Massachusetts Music Festival, Graduation and possibly an exchanged concert with another Junior High School.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. LINCOLN, JR.,
Instrumental Music Supervisor

VOCAL MUSIC REPORT

Superintendent of Schools
Robert T. Roy

There are several phases of music which are taught in the hope of giving the children an appreciation of music. These areas include singing, rhythm, listening, creating, and playing.

A great deal of emphasis is placed upon singing in all grades. In the primary grades singing is done in unison. In the fourth and fifth grades, part singing is introduced.

Another area of importance is that of rhythm. In the early grades, emphasis is placed upon imitating natural and imitative ryhthms. As the children grow and are better able to coordinate muscles, they do dances with more difficult steps.

Listening includes the works of various composers, music from countries around the world, forms of music, and listening to the orchestral instruments—separately and as an orchestra.

The children are encouraged to use their creative ability. This is done through making steps to dances, and writing words to a given melody, writing a melody to given words, or writing both words and melody.

The last phase of music which is emphasized is that of playing. This includes the playing of the rhythm instruments and the auto-harp.

Through the use of these areas, it is easier for the children to learn to read the notes on the printed page, this being one of the goals in music.

The ultimate goal in music is the appreciation of music. This, we hope to achieve, through the various phases of music — singing, rhythm, listening, creating and playing. Through the cooperation of the principal, teachers, and students, this goal can be achieved.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLOTTE E. HATHAWAY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VOCAL MUSIC SUPERVISOR

Dighton Junior High School

Mr. Robert T. Roy,
Superintendent of Schools

I submit the following report:

I am responsible for the supervision of the sixth grade music program. Daily planning and teaching is accomplished by the homeroom teachers as is customary in the self-contained elementary classroom. Longer-range planning and specialized teaching is done by the supervisor in cooperation with the classroom teacher. In addition I meet with each section once each week.

In each of the sixth grade classes special effort is being made in order that each child will find his singing voice and be an active participant in the music class. A strong emphasis is placed upon note-reading so that the child will not be limited to rote learning. A certain amount of time has been spent in listening experiences, instrumental rhythm use, and conducting.

A select group of sixth graders presented music during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Assemblies.

Music for the seventh and eighth grades is taught through general music classes. The supervisor is the teacher. Each section meets once weekly. Our major emphasis has been on singing and learning notation. Special work is being done with the boys to help them through the changing-voice period. Active participation is encouraged.

The girls' glee club is formed from the seventh and eighth grades. It meets twice weekly. The club has self-elected officers and a high standard of performance inherited from last year. Under student direction the group sang for the Christmas assembly and provided carol singing in the corridors.

Plans are now being made for an all-school music program for the spring term.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP E. TURNER,
Supervisor of Vocal Music

GRADUATION EXERCISES
DIGHTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

June 7. 1961

PROGRAM

OVERTURE—"Chalet Overture" David Bennett

*PROCESSIONAL—"Triumphant" Herferd

INVOCATION—
Rev. Frank Seymour
Brick Congregational Church

GREETINGS—
Charles Hagopian
Class President

SELECTION—"Let All Things Now Living" Welsh Melody
Members of the Graduating Class

THEMES—
"The Meaning of Education" Dawnne Stonstrom
"Facing the Future" Arthur Bourgault
"Beyond the Horizon" Susan James

SELECTION—"It's a Grand Night for Singing"
Richard Rodgers

THEMES—
"The Challenge of the Future" Tobias Freitas
"Opportunities Unlimited" Elizabeth Hopkins
"Educational Aims in a Democracy" Hugh Collard

GRADUATION PRAYER Edward Antunes

INTRODUCTION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER—
Mr. Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS—
Mr. Joseph Fleck
Dighton School Committee

SELECTION—"O Brother Man" Roy Ringwall

CHORAL READING—"Our Creed"
Members of the Graduating Class

BENEDICTION—
Rev. William H. O'Reilly
Pastor, St. Peter's Church

RECESSIONAL—"Under Escort" Douglas

CLASS OFFICERS

President ..... Charles Hagopian
Vice President ..... Arthur Bourgault
Secretary ..... Daphne Macomber
Treasurer ..... Tobias Freitas

Mr. Robert T. Roy, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Edward F. Aleixo, Principal

Mr. Donald F. Morrison, Vocal Music Supervisor

Mr. Charles H. Lincoln, Instrumental Music Supervisor

Mrs. Eunisa Wordell, Graduation Chairman

GRADUATES

Jacques F. J. Alves
Jane M. Andrews
Jean M. Andrews
Raymond A. Andrews
*William N. Andrews, Jr.
Edward D. Antunes, Jr.
*Rita A. Araujo
George W. Ball, Jr.
*Lynn E. Barrow
Paulette A. Boucher
Arthur P. Bourgault
Raymond A. Boyce
**Mary E. Brady
Michael J. Buckley
William R. Busch
Michael R. Cambra
*Hugh M. Collard
Donna A. Corr
*Elizabeth A. Costa
Priscilla L. Costa
Brian M. Courcy
Joan M. Dias
Austin L. Donahue
Brian Donle
Robert A. Dow
Wayne F. Dumenigo
David Ferreira
Guy M. Fleck
*Tobias A. Freitas
Susan E. Goff
Rosemary Gomes
*Gary E. Grace
Frederick W. Gracia
*David F. Harwood
**Elizabeth M. Hopkins
Charles M. Hagopian
**Susan A. James
Lawrence Knox
Francis J. Korlacki
*Paula J. Lavallee
Susan A. Lavoie
Leonie L. Linden
Daphne M. Macomber
James D. Martin
Carol A. Miller
**Michael P. O'Connell
Donald B. Otterson
*James R. Pavao
Nancy T. Pearl
Herbert R. Peloquin, Jr.
*Anne B. Plourde
Geraldine E. Poissant
Thomas A. Quackenbush
Marie Rapoza
Antone P. Roderick
*Francis J. Roderick
Robert A. Rose
**Catherine M. Seymour
Elizabeth E. Simmons
John Soares
John Souza
Joseph F. Souza
*Dawnne E. Stonstrom
Victoria E. Thornley
Richard P. Viveiros
Bruce G. Wargat
Richalie D. White
Carole A. Willette

**High Honors
*Honors

ENROLLMENT—OCTOBER 1, 1961

DIGHTON SCHOOLS

DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	Oppt. Class	Pre-Primary	Total Bldg.
Dr. Rose Borges, Principal								
Teachers:								
Dorothy B. Bagley	32							32
Jessie H. Bradley	30							30
Doris M. Ferreira	30							30
Margaret F. Harrington		33						33
Mary E. Fanjoy		32						32
Helen L. Olson		32						32
Helen M. Simmons			26					26
Mary G. Fleming			28					28
Lucia C. Marcille			27					27
Helena Chamberlain				31				31
Mary M. Fitzsimmons				29				29
Helen C. Turner					29			29
Ann T. Fitzsimmons					29			29
Anne M. Phillips						17		17
Roberta Babbitt							30	30
							26	26
Total Elementary School								461

DIGHTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Grade	6	7	8	Total Bldg.
Edward F. Aleixo, Principal				
Teachers:				
John S. Needs	26			26
William J. Donlon	25			25
Jeannette Shaw	26			26
Nancy A. Holt		36		36
Mary L. Watson		37		37
Everett W. Jose			26	26
James E. O'Donnell			23	23
Eunisa Wordell			24	24
Total Junior High School				223

AGE—GRADE ENROLLMENT—OCTOBER 1, 1961

	AGE												
Grade	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Totals
Pre-Primary	15	41											56
1		25	65	4									94
2			14	65	17	1							97
3				12	54	10	4	1					81
4					12	40	5	3					60
5						10	45	3					58
Opportunity Class					1	3	1	5	5	2			17
6							10	51	11	2	3		77
7								11	46	9	3	4	73
8									11	48	10	4	73
													686

DIGHTON SCHOOLS FACULTY—DECEMBER 31, 1961

Dighton Elementary School

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd
Principal			
Dr. Rose E. Borges	Pleasant St., Dighton	Calvin Coolidge College	1927
Faculty			
Roberta Babbitt	Berkley St., Berkley	Perry Normal School	1960
Dorothy B. Bagley	54 Coral St., Fall River	Perry Kindergarten Normal	1948
Jessie H. Bradley, B.A.	Berkley Street, Berkley	Wellesley College, Bridgewater Teachers College	1954
Helena Chamberlain	Main Street, Dighton	Framingham Normal	1961
Lena W. Cowell, B.S.M.Ed.	198 Bourn Avenue, Somerset	Calvin Coolidge College	1921
Mary E. Fanjoy	405 Main St., Dighton	Bridgewater Teachers College	1961
Doris M. Ferreira	490 Woodman Street, Fall River	Perry Normal	1949
Ann T. Fitzsimmons, M.Ed.	108 Broadway, Taunton	Bridgewater Teachers College	1957
Mary M. Fitzsimmons, B.S. in Ed.	108 Broadway, Taunton	Bridgewater Teachers College	1961
Mary G. Fleming	Somerset Avenue, Segreganset	Bridgewater Teachers College	1960
Margaret F. Harrington	233 Whipple Street, Fall Fiver	Framingham Teachers College	1946
Lucia C. Marcille, B.S. in Ed.	2396 Riverside Ave., Somerset	Fitchburg State College	1961
Helen L. Olson, B.S. in Ed.	12 Charles St., Taunton	Bridgewater State Teachers College	1961
Anne M. Phillips	59 Freedom St., Fall River	Bridgewater Teachers College	1948
Helen M. Simmons, B.S. in Ed.	4 Avon Street, Somerset	Framingham Normal School	1946
Helen C. Turner	117 School St., No. Dighton	Framingham Normal School	1946

Dighton Junior High School

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd
Principal			
Edward F. Aleixo, M.Ed.	50 Clifford St., Taunton	Bridgewater State Teachers College	1960
Faculty			
William J. Donlon, B.S. in Ed.	20 Manson St., Brockton	Bridgewater State Teachers College	1961
Nancy A. Holt, B.S. in Ed.	174 Old Warren Road, Swansea	Bridgewater State Teachers College	1960
Everett W. Jose, B.S. in Ed.	30 Maple Ave., Bridgewater	Bridgewater State Teachers College	1960
John S. Needs, B.A.	Center St., Segreganset	University of Mass.	1961
James E. O'Donnell	24 No. Walker St., Taunton	Fitchburg Teachers College	1960
Jeannette Shaw, B.S. in Ed.	269 Baylies St., No. Dighton	Bridgewater State Teachers College	1961
Mary L. Watson, B.F.A.	Center Street, Segreganset	Massachusetts College of Art	1960
John K. Wood, B.S. in Health & Phys. Ed.	Broadway, Raynham	East Stroudsburg State Teachers College	1960
Eunisa Wordell, B.S.	Somerset Ave., Segreganset	Boston University	1959

Music Supervisorss

Vocal			
Charlotte E. Hathaway	Porter Street, Berkley	State College, Lowell	1961
Philip E. Turner, M.A.	166 Winthrop Street, Taunton	Boston University	1961
Instrumental			
Charles H. Lincoln, Jr., B.M.	12 Clinton Street, Taunton	Boston University	1957
Elementary and Junior High Secretary			
Hannah E. Lassen	17 Pleasant St., Dighton		

Cafeteria Personnel

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd
Alfrena Bettencourt, Head Cook	211 School Street, No. Dighton		
Grace E. French, Assistant	Center Street, No. Dighton		
Louise G. Gomes, Assistant	Hart Street, Dighton		
Fannie C. Lima, Assistant	67 Brook Street, Dighton		
Bertha R. Stafford, Assistant	Somerset Avenue, Segreganset		

Part Time Instructors

Peter B. Dennison, M.A.	356 Kaufman Rd., Somerset	Northwestern University	1961
Catherine M. Donle	60 Pine Street, Dighton		

Custodians

Antone Costa	Elm Street, Dighton	Dighton Elementary	1956
Frank Rogers	247 Lincoln Avenue, No. Dighton	Dighton Elementary	1960
Manuel L. Sanson, Jr.	School Lane, Dighton	Dighton Junior High	1961
Alvin Silvia	School Lane, Dighton	Dighton Junior High	1957

REPORT OF THE DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The first year of operating for the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School proved to be a very successful one. In this report some aspects of the school will be explained.

ENROLLMENT

We opened the school in September of 1960 with 533 pupils. September 1961 saw 553 pupils enroll in the school. Of this number sixty-four boys are enrolled in the vocational high school. We have eighteen tuition pupils from Berkley, Seekonk and Taunton.

At this time it would seem that our incoming freshman classes should average between 130 pupils and 150 pupils. If these figures hold it will be a few years before we reach capacity as listed of 800 pupils.

FINANCES

Our budget for 1962 shows a net increase of $16,207.76. This represents an increase of $20,717.76 in the operating expenses, and a decrease of $4,510.00 in the capital expenses. The largest increases in the budget are represented by salaries where the addition of two teachers plus annual increments have caused the rise and by operating expenses mainly heat and electricity. It was impossible to determine the first year exactly how much would be needed for operating expenses. We were able to operate the first year within our total budget and ended the year with a surplus revenue of 2,655.60.

FACULTY

We lost two valuable members of our faculty during the summer vacation. Mr. Patrick Delaney, head of the science and mathematics department left to study for his doctorate at Brown University. Mr. Conrad Linkiewicz, industrial arts

teacher, left to join the Peace Corps. Mr. Donald Morrison, Vocal Music Teacher, left to teach in Plymouth after school opened in the fall.

Mr. George Fairbanks III, a graduate of Northeastern University, replaced Mr. Delaney. Mr. Edward Galvin who formerly taught in Taunton, was hired to teach science and general mathematics. Mr. Mason Parker, a graduate of Brown University is teaching chemistry. Mr. Warren Brightman, who has had many years of experience in Fall River and Waltham is teaching industrial arts. Mr. Philip Turner, who taught at Rocky Mountain College in Montana, replaced Mr. Morrison as vocal music teacher. Miss Virginia Oliveira, was hired as guidance counselor. She formerly taught in Seekonk.

Many of our faculty are furthering their training at Brown University, Yale, Northeastern, Boston University, Rhode Island College and State College at Bridgewater. Faculty members have received National Science Foundation Scholarships, Fulbright Scholarships and Ford Foundation Grants.

PROGRAM

Within the next year we expect to see the program as set up originally swing into high gear. It has taken two years to straighten out the programs of incoming students because of the several school attended prior to September 1960. We now hope to be able to set up a well coordinated program for the pupils in grade 1 - 12 in both Dighton and Rehoboth. Advanced science and social studies courses will be new offerings in the 1962-1963 school year.

It is the plan to start a pilot program in adult evening courses early in 1962. The Vocational High School is planning to offer short unit trade courses in 1962.

I would say that our program is functioning very well and we are constantly looking for ways to improve it.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The general contractor and others are still putting things into final working order. We hope that in the very near future everything will be completed and final payments made.

We hope that we will be able to start a program of locating some shrubbery about the building, and that our lawn program will be in full swing next summer.

CAFETERIA

Our cafeteria program is now showing a profit after starting with nothing. We serve an "A" type meal with usual choice of one of two main dishes. Our menus are approved by the Office of the National School Lunch Program. Mrs. Ella Jones, manager and her staff have gotten our cafeteria off to a good start.

CONCLUSION

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Regional School Committee for their cooperation in making our school a successful one. The teachers, cafeteria workers and custodians are deserving of great praise for their work over the last year and one half. Sometimes they worked under very trying conditions due to the fact that the building was not completed until last spring.

Mr. Joseph Harrington, Principal of the high school has put in many long hours of work to develop the program in his school. He has been ably assisted by Mr. Francis Lussier, Assistant Principal and Mr. Francis Vitale, Guidance Director.

Mr. Charles Day, Director of the vocational high school, has been responsible for developing his school to the point where industry is desirous of his graduates.

I wish to thank Mr. Howell S. Carr, head custodian for his work. His first year has not been easy as it falls on his shoulders to see that all equipment is running well.

In conclusion I would say to the citizens of Dighton and Rehoboth, this is your school come and visit it and if you have questions concerning our program please feel free to call on us.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT T. ROY,
Superintendent of Schools

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Expenditures, 1961

Capital Costs		
Bond Retirement		$110,000.00
State Aaid	$68,335.83	
Appropriation	41,664.17	
Total Expenditure		110,000.00
Interest on Bonds Expenditure		85,075.00
Operating Costs:		
General Control	6,894.84	
Expenses of Instruction	212,765.37	
Operation of Plant	47,272.76	
Maintenance of Plant	1,758.04	
Auxiliary Agencies	12,939.53	
Transportation	37,411.26	
Special Charges	134.70	
Vocational Education	16,854.26	
Total Operating Costs		$336,030.76

Receipts

State Reimbursement Transportation		35,721.08
Tuition	12,420.41	
Other Receipts	4,926.87	
Total Receipts		53,068.36
Net Cost to Town		$282,962.40

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